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GREAT EXPECTATIONS

Halifax Mooseheads goaltender Zach Fucale prepares to step onto the ice at the Metro Centre earlier this week. Fucale, the team's co-MVP last season along with Nathan MacKinnon, is one of the Mooseheads' key players as they prepare to host the Gatineau Olympiques and Cape Breton Screaming Eagles on Friday and Saturday at the Metro Centre in their first home games of what is expected to be a strong QMJHL season for the Herd. See pages 40-41. JEFF HARPER/METRO

Lovin' life in Halifax

7.6 out of 10 overall.
Survey respondents give high scores to finer points of city living

They're a little down about the economy and dissatisfied with some municipal services, but overall, Halifax residents are pretty happy with their lot.

Results from the 2012 City Matters survey, conducted for Metro Halifax and the Greater Halifax Partnership by MQO Research, shows overall quality of life gets a mean score of 7.6 out of 10.

"The overall tone is very solid," said MQO vice-president of research Craig Wight. "Even in conversation, we say that, 'Oh, it's a great place to raise a family,' or 'It's a great quality of life.' It goes with the territory."

The mean scores on 10 questions related to family life, dining, arts and culture, and recreation were mostly above seven out of 10, peaking at 8.2 for "educational opportunities."

Wight says that's not surprising, given the number of

Inside

We love all the great restaurants the city has to offer, but are less impressed about housing prices. More on page 4.

post-secondary institutions in the city.

"If you don't have educational opportunities in Halifax, where could you possibly go to get more?" he said.

Housing affordability and both indoor and outdoor recreational facilities ranked lowest of the lifestyle questions, with mean scores of 6, 6.9 and 6.8 respectively.

Wight says those "low" scores still aren't that bad.

"In any city, you could pick things apart in the sense of this and that could be better," he said. "So there's tradeoffs all the time and as people consider the good and the bad points here, on balance they're pretty positive."

The poll surveyed 603 residents during the first two weeks of September, with a margin of error of plus or minus four per cent.

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Investigation

Suspects in alleged confinement spoke of selling boy: Documents

A 16-year-old boy was sleeping on the streets of Halifax when he awoke to find himself in a van and was taken to a home where two men kept him captive and sexually assaulted him earlier this month, the RCMP say in court documents.

In a document filed this week with the provincial court in Bridge-water, N.S., RCMP Const. Timothy Cole said the Mounties began their investigation after a woman reported Monday evening that a teenager who was chained at his ankles and wrists knocked on her door.

Cole says two men held the boy against his will and sexually assaulted him over several days.

Police are appealing for the public's help in finding two suspects wanted in the case. RCMP Sgt. Alain



David James Leblanc
POLICE HANDOUT

Leblanc said they are believed to be in Ontario travelling in a grey 2003 Hyundai Elantra with a Nova Scotia licence plate of FBP 233. The accused, David James Leblanc, 47, and 31-year-old Wayne Alan Cunningham, faces charges of forcible confinement and sexual assault.

The RCMP said the boy was taken to hospital with non-life threatening injuries and is safe. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**



Wayne Alan Cunningham
POLICE HANDOUT



Education Minister Ramona Jennex sits in on a class with Makayla Herman, left, and Josie LePage at Hammonds Plains Consolidated School on Thursday. Jennex was there to announce funding to hire more school teachers. JEFF HARPER/METRO

Province to hire 45 new teachers

Reduced class sizes.
\$2.8 million to be set aside for elementary school support

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Nova Scotia's opposition parties say the province's decision to hire 45 new teachers is welcome news — but could have been avoided with better planning.

Education Minister Ramona Jennex announced Thursday that \$2.8 million will be set aside to hire more teachers in

Quoted

"It's too bad this government has to invest so much time and effort cleaning up its own messes."

Liberal Leader Stephen McNeil

an effort to reduce large class sizes.

"Halifax in particular was one area that has been increasing in class sizes in the early grades," said Jennex at the Hammonds Plains Consolidated School.

She said that classes in 85 per cent of the province's schools have 25 kids or less, but it was still important to address classes that exceed that number.

"It's not fair to the growth areas ... so we're making sure this is equitable," Jennex said.

Jennex named Amherst, Antigonish and Sydney as areas that will hire more instructors to handle their number of primary to Grade 3 students.

Jon Hopkins, who has a son in Grade 2 at Hammonds Plains, says the announcement is great news.

"Anyone who has kids in primary to (Grade) 3 should be

happy today," Hopkins said.

But critics say the announcement is a result of the NDP realizing their \$13.4-million cut to education this year went too far.

"Today the minister is forced to backpedal, but this whole disruption could have been avoided had the NDP not increased class sizes in the first place," said PC Leader Jamie Baillie in a press release. "The NDP can't be trusted to manage the education system in this province."

Jennex said she thought the budget for this year included sufficient funding, but couldn't have predicted a student increase in areas like Halifax.

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We've got good food to eat and great places to shop

City Matters. Survey respondents pleased with restaurants and shopping in Halifax



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Of all the facets of life in Halifax, respondents are particularly enthralled with the options for dining and retail therapy.

The 2012 City Matters survey, conducted by MQO Research for Metro Halifax and the Greater Halifax Partnership, finds respondents ranked local restaurants and shopping especially well.

Restaurants and cafés received a mean score of 8.1 out of 10, one of the strongest scores of the entire survey.

"It's kind of been a renaissance over eight or 10 years," said Gordon Stevens, owner of The Uncommon Group and founder of the I Love Local HFX campaign. "People weren't necessarily demanding better, but

That's a wrap



- **Friday:** City living
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a lot of restaurants and cafés and shops were starting to deliver better."

Stevens says the score reflects not only the increasing quality of food, but the emphasis on local ingredients and the connection between farm, chef and plate.

"There's a real sense of the shops and restaurants really being part of the community, something that I think we lost as we all sort of marched into the Price Clubs and the Costcos 15 years ago," he said.

Shopping received a score of 7.5, good news for the Retail Council of Canada's Atlantic director.

lantic director.

"It's very encouraging. It shows there's a real choice in retail that's been coming to Halifax over the last number of years," said Jim Cormier. "It also goes to show that in a competitive industry, the retailers have done the extra work."

Both Cormier and Stevens say more needs to be done to reduce taxes and fees for local business owners and to encourage innovation.

"Corporate taxes are still very high, there's a lot of red tape — especially for smaller retail owners — (and) there's automatic increases to minimum wage that happen year in and year out," said Cormier.

Stevens says he's hopeful the pending municipal election will result in a more pro-business environment.

"We need to get government to not only get out of the way, but encourage new things to happen," he said. "You've got businesses doing simple leasehold improvements in new spaces taking three months to get business permits.... It's ridiculous."



The Hydrostone Market in Halifax is a popular shopping and eating area. METRO FILE

Home affordability gets low grade, despite steady market



Compared to the rest of Canada, Halifax home-buyers have it pretty good, says an official with the Nova Scotia Association of Realtors. JEFF HARPER/METRO

HRM residents take a rather dim view of housing costs, according to the City Matters survey.

Respondents gave "affordable housing" a mean score of six out of 10 in the survey, the lowest among the 10 lifestyle-related questions.

Matt Honsberger, regional director of the Nova Scotia Association of Realtors, says housing prices are still fairly reasonable in Halifax compared to the rest of the country, though they are among the highest in Atlantic Canada.

"When you look across the country, we're half of what it would be in Ontario for a com-

Compare and contrast

Average sale prices in August 2012:

- **Halifax:** \$270,170
- **Fredericton:** \$164,707
- **Montreal:** \$331,721

- **Toronto:** \$479,095
- **Calgary:** \$400,277
- **Vancouver:** \$725,086

Source: Canadian Real Estate Association

parable house and a third of what it would be in Vancouver," said Honsberger.

He says prices in Halifax have risen by five to six per cent annually for about the last decade, without the boom-

and-bust cycles of other major urban centres.

"This is what makes us the envy of a lot of other real-estate markets — we are this slow, steady growth story," he said. "But I have conversations with

people all the time who say they want to wait for prices to come down a bit, and I say, 'Well, you've been waiting for 14 years now.'"

Although the average sale price has maintained a steady, predictable climb, Honsberger points out that related housing costs have grown significantly faster and higher.

"The first thing I think of (are) taxes, which have had a tendency to rise around here," he said. "The second thing is heating cost, energy and fuel costs, which have gone up dramatically over the last seven or eight years."

RUTH DAVENPORT/METRO

City living questions:

Overall quality of life:

Mean **7.6**
Percentage that gave a score of 8 or greater **57%**

Good place to raise a family:

Mean **7.8**
Percentage that gave a score of 8 or greater **67%**

Outdoor recreational facilities:

Mean **6.8**
Percentage that gave a score of 8 or greater **38%**

Indoor recreational facilities:

Mean **6.9**
Percentage that gave a score of 8 or greater **36%**

Shopping:

Mean **7.5**
Percentage that gave a score of 8 or greater **53%**

Restaurants and cafés:

Mean **8.1**
Percentage that gave a score of 8 or greater **70%**

Affordable housing:

Mean **6**
Percentage that gave a score of 8 or greater **20%**

Arts and cultural events:

Mean **7.3**
Percentage that gave a score of 8 or greater **48%**

Interesting place for visitors/tourists:

Mean **8.1**
Percentage that gave a score of 8 or greater **71%**

Educational opportunities:

Mean **8.2**
Percentage that gave a score of 8 or greater **74%**



The Halifax Public Gardens
METRO FILE

Jane's on the Common says goodbye. Popular Robie St. diner closing this winter

Jane's on the Common may be closing this winter, but its spawn is moving just a few blocks down.

When Jane Wright's lease ran out this fall, she said it was time to close down her diner for good.

"I was afraid of the comparisons, people saying, 'Oh I liked the other place better,'" she said about her decision not to relocate her namesake restaurant.

"It would be almost impossible to replicate the bit of magic that came together for us there."

The Robie Street site opened in 2003 and always prided itself on using local ingredients and gluten-free recipes, as well as creating a homey environment.

Wright added it will be hard to leave her regular customers behind, some of which have eaten over 170 times at Jane's.

"Whenever I was feeling

By the numbers

9 years

How long Jane's on the Common has been open.

like 'What am I doing?' I just had to go work again," she said. "It's the connection with the customers."

But Wright isn't leaving the food industry completely. She'll keep the Jane's Next Door business, which provides takeout lunches, and will continue her catering kitchen at 2053 Gottingen St.

Wright's daughter, Jenna Moores, is also planning to open her own place on the Gottingen site.

"She's got a new concept, although I think people can rest assured it will still be made from scratch with local ingredients," Wright said.

HALEY RYAN/FOR METRO



A DNR worker checks a moose that was tranquilized after being on the loose in Fairview Thursday morning. JEFF HARPER/METRO

Province nabs loose moose

Mating season.

Animal returns to wild after being sedated



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It was just another workday for George Shute.

That was until the maintenance worker at Maplestone Enhanced Care in Fairview went outside their Main Avenue location at about 8 a.m. Thursday and saw a two-and-a-half-year-old bull moose trotting his way.

"The moose walked down the driveway like he owned

it," Shute said. "I was putting out some garbage and he came right into our back area here and we were able to contain him."

A couple of hours later, Nova Scotia's Natural Resources Department tranquilized the errant moose, checked him out, and released him outside the city limits.

"They checked him out and he was healthy," department spokesman Bruce Nunn said. "They let him out into the woods and he just walked away."

The animal had been seen wandering around an area of Highway 102 for several hours on Thursday morning.

By the numbers

500 kg

Estimated weight of the moose.

Police had been warning motorists to use caution in the area of Dunbrack Street and Lacewood Drive and had asked that people not approach the moose so that it might find an escape route.

Halifax Regional Police spokesman Const. Pierre Bourdages said officers followed the moose for several hours by foot and vehicle, and finally helped contain him behind

Maplestone as they waited for officials with DNR.

Residents from inside the facility were evacuated to the front lobby, and staff were removed from a wing where the moose stood near a back window.

"From there the Department of Natural Resources came in and took care of everything," Shute said.

Nunn said it's not uncommon to see moose in HRM, but it happens more frequently on the outskirts of the municipality.

He also said it's mating season for moose, making them more unpredictable, so drivers are asked to be more cautious.



Jane's on the Common will close its doors after the lease runs out. JEFF HARPER/METRO

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Olympian leads next generation during Sports Day in Canada

Olympian paddler Mark de Jonge of Halifax works with kids in the pool at the Canada Games Centre on Thursday as part of Sports Day in Canada, a national celebration of sport at all levels. De Jonge won bronze for Canada at the 2012 London Games. JEFF HARPER/METRO

Union leader raises alarm over outsourcing SAP jobs

Review. Department of Finance says no contract signed, final decision to be made in two weeks

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Union leader Joan Jessome says she is "raising the alarm" at the prospect of government IT jobs being outsourced to a private company.

"I can say with great confi-

dence that it is not in the best interest of Nova Scotians to move forward," said Jessome, president of the Nova Scotia Government & General Employees' Union, on Thursday morning.

The provincial government is reviewing the \$20-million SAP program, and considering moving most of the operations to an international IT business.

SAP is used by the Department of Finance and has access to school board, municipality and government records to collect payroll information and



Joan Jessome METRO FILE

other aspects of personal information.

Jessome said people should be concerned if this data goes

over to a global company.

She said the majority of the 73 government workers her union represents of the roughly 110 employees who would be affected will not work for the company if a contract goes through. She said they will not have the same job security, and could be sent to a job in a foreign country, which they definitely don't want.

"If they wanted to be flown all over the world and live out of a suitcase ... that's where they'd be working," Jessome said.

Sensitive basin reef. Hundreds pack meeting to oppose Bedford waterfront development

One by one, residents stood up to the microphone to say no to a proposed residential development plan for the Bedford waterfront and a halt to ongoing in-filling in the basin.

The more than 300 residents who jammed the Bedford Legion Thursday evening took aim at a 2010 HRM Bedford Waterfront Design Concept, which threatens to disturb a sensitive basin reef that's home to various species of birds and fish.

The HRM Waterfront Development Corp. is behind the plan, which proposes four 12-storey buildings be built, each housing more than 6,000 residents.

"How could they come up with a conceptual drawing surveying a proposal like this?" said one resident who accused the corporation of failing to adequately consult residents. "What were they thinking?"

Mark Currie, chair of Save Bedford Waterfront Committee, gave a presentation to the packed audience and didn't mince words after the two-hour event.

"We want to see the closure of the pyritic slate dump site and the preservation of the natural area and new full consultation plan with area residents."

The group is currently calling on the province to stop the in-filling.

The development is currently on hold for 12 months while HRM completes a transportation

Quoted

"It makes me sad to know that my kids might not be able to explore the Bedford Basin reef or Crosby Island.... It's the younger generation that may not know that Bedford could be completely changed in five years."

Lindsay Benoit, 23
on the proposed residential development plan for the Bedford waterfront.

study for Bedford. In the meantime, Colin MacLean, president of the Waterfront Development Corp., said that the area was going to be developed but needed a new consultation process over the next year.

He didn't give any indication that dumping would stop.

"It's a federally environmentally approved disposal site for pyritic slate, but if we closed it down there would be no other," he said.

The development and in-filling was concern enough for 23-year-old Lindsay Benoit to show up.

"It makes me sad to know that my kids might not be able to explore the Bedford Basin reef or Crosby Island," she said.

"These are vital places to this area. It seems greed is driving this."

ANDREW RANKIN/METRO

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Crime

Purse-snatching suspect sought

Police are looking for a man after a woman was pushed to the ground and had her purse stolen.

At about 5:15 a.m. on Thursday, police say the victim was walking on Albermarle Street when she was jumped by the man.

He is described as being between 25 and 30, and was wearing a red plaid jacket and grey sweatpants. **METRO**

Cobequid

Student blamed for lockdown

Students at Cobequid Educational Centre were under lockdown on Thursday after a 16-year-old girl was allegedly causing problems.

"The school felt a lockdown was the best situation," said Truro Police Service Insp. Rob Hearn.

Hearn said the student was removed from the school and no charges are anticipated. **TRURO DAILY NEWS**

Christopher Lee Sharples

Man charged with murder in missing-woman case

Police have charged Christopher Lee Sharples with murder in the death of Shana Carter.

Carter was originally from Halifax, but was living in Grimsby, Ont., at the time of her disappearance. Her remains were found in September in a wooded area. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**



Krysta Brownell leads kids through some exercises at the After School Advantage Program at the Soccer Nova Scotia Training Centre on Thursday. **JEFF HARPER/METRO**

Program takes aim at child obesity

Health. After-school initiative gives kids a chance to get a workout and catch up on their homework

Quoted

"We have a big problem. A third of Canadian children suffer from obesity."

Chris Tremblay

beautiful 20,000-square-foot field house at the their disposal, not to mention certified youth fitness and recreation to guide them along.

The program is set up so that kids will get their recommended hour of daily exercise through a range of activities, from standard physical-education drills like hurdle jumping to sports like soccer mixed in with age-old games like tag.

After that, the kids go upstairs where they'll finish their homework under the supervision of a certified teacher.

The program is the brainchild of FITPRO Lifestyle

Consultants in Upper Tantallon. Program director Chris Tremblay has a wealth of fitness instruction behind him, including several years as strength coach for the Halifax Mooseheads.

With child-obesity rates skyrocketing, he figured it was time to try to do something about it.

"I'm not saying I'm a health expert. But we know if we introduce them to sports and exercise they feel better, their confidence improves, and usually their grades improve as well," said Tremblay. "I felt it's time to pass some of what I know onto youth."

Ultimately, he's hoping to do his part to reverse a growing and frightening trend.

"I'd like to be that cog in the wheel that changes a child's lifestyle for the better and over their entire lifetime. If you get them at a young age, you have a much better chance of doing that."

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Lola Velden admits she doesn't get enough exercise at school so the nine-year-old is psyched about joining a new after-school program that mixes academics with a solid workout.

Starting Monday she'll be showing up to the Soccer Nova Scotia Training Centre on Thomas Raddall Drive for the first day of the After School Advantage Program aimed at students from grades 3 to 6 and 7 to 9.

"I'm so excited, I can hardly wait," said Velden.

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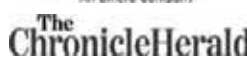


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Court approves sale of NewPage paper mill to Pacific West

After a year of legal wrangling, the \$33-million sale of the former NewPage Port Hawkesbury paper mill to Vancouver-based Pacific West Commercial Corp. was officially sanctioned Thursday by the Nova Scotia Supreme Court.

"We're hopeful that

everything is in place," George Kinsman, a spokesman for court-appointed monitor Ernst & Young, said outside the Halifax courtroom. "We are ready to go."

However, the sale wasn't expected to close until late Friday when the province, company officials and a battery of lawyers sign the closing documents in Halifax and Toronto.

The completion of the deal also was dependent on the Nova Scotia Utility Review Board signing off on an amended discount power rate

agreement with Nova Scotia Power Inc.

The board brought down a ruling approving the discounted rate late Thursday.

"That's the last piece of prime document that people are waiting for," said Kinsman.

Given all of the procedural steps that have yet to fall into place, the court also granted approval to extend the sale process to Oct. 5. Pacific West Commercial plans to start producing paper by early next week, he said.

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Officer complaint. Mountie investigated after domestic violence allegations

Nova Scotia's Serious Incident Response Team is investigating accusations of domestic violence involving an RCMP officer in Antigonish.

The unit says the matter involves allegations of assault between December 2011 and June of this year.

They say the officer was

released on a promise to appear and he is due in court in Antigonish on Dec. 19.

The Mounties became aware of the allegations on Tuesday.

The Serious Incident Response Team is a Nova Scotia agency that investigates complaints against police.

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Top court's anonymity ruling gets some likes

Facebook bullying.

Identifying teen in defamation suit would cause her more grief, Supreme Court rules

The Supreme Court of Canada was widely praised Thursday for granting anonymity to a teenage girl so she can pursue a lawsuit over a bogus Facebook page that she says defamed her.

The ruling was welcomed as a necessary step in child protection in the Internet age, one that extends to victims of cyber-bullying the same legal right to anonymity that is currently granted to sexual assault complainants, children in family law disputes and most accused criminals under the age of 18.

In a 7-0 ruling, the high court granted the girl's request to proceed with a lawsuit without revealing her name. The judges ruled that the girl is entitled to anonymity to prevent her from becoming a victim a second time.

But the court also rejected her request for a publication ban on the broader details of the defamation suit, as long as those details don't identify her to the public at large.

The decision provides a clear statement from the court that children are "inherently vulnerable — particularly when they're being cyberbullied in a sexualized way — and it is the duty of the courts to protect them," said Jane O'Neill, a lawyer for the girl's family.

"When balancing that against the media's right to access and the media's right to report on proceedings, it

The offending page

The fake profile used her picture, a slightly modified version of her name, and other identifying particulars.

- An accompanying commentary made unflattering comments on her appearance and included some sexually explicit references.
- The page was removed by the Internet provider later that month.

certainly weighs in favour of protecting the identity of the child."

The case made its way to the Supreme Court after the girl's family appealed a Nova Scotia Court of Appeal decision.

The girl, known as A.B. in court documents, was 15 when she and her family sought a court order compelling Internet service provider Eastlink to reveal the identity of the person who had allegedly set up the fake Facebook profile about her.

The lower court granted the order, but said she couldn't proceed with a defamation case anonymously because there is an open-court principle at stake. The appeal court agreed. That was a mistake, Supreme Court Justice Rosalie Abella wrote in Thursday's decision.

"In my view, both courts erred in failing to consider the objectively discernable harm to A.B.," she wrote.

"The girl's privacy interests in this case are tied both to her age and to the nature of the victimization she seeks protection from." THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Mars rover uncovers signs of ancient streambed

Scientists say NASA's newest Mars rover has found signs that a stream once flowed across the planet's surface near the site where it landed.

Curiosity touched down in a crater near the Martian equator last month. The red planet today is dusty and dry but scientists think it was once warmer and wetter.

Evidence of an ancient stream came from analyzing the size and shapes of pebbles and gravel near Gale Crater.

Mission scientists said Thursday it appeared the water was fast-moving and deep. Images from space have provided hints of a watery past at Curiosity's landing site.

The latest discovery on the ground confirms that.

Curiosity is headed toward a spot where three types of terrain meet.

The rover's ultimate destination is a mountain rising from the centre of the crater.

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Buddhist statue made from piece of meteorite

'Iron Man.' Statue made from the Chinga meteorite which crashed to Earth 15,000 years ago

Buddhist god Vaisravana?

"I am not a historian. But the 'iron man' does not look like a Buddha to me from my cultural background," he said. "It looks more like a warrior with ... (a) resemblance of Genghis Khan," said Qing-Zhu Yin, a researcher in geology at the University of California.

- The Nazis were probably attracted to the statue by a left-facing swastika on its front. The swastika has been used by various cultures.

for auction.

German and Austrian scientists were able to get permission from its new owner, who wasn't disclosed, to conduct a chemical analysis that shows the statue came from the Chinga meteorite, which crashed in the area of the Russian and Mongolian border around 15,000 years ago.

The meteorite was officially discovered in 1913, but Buchner said the statue could be 1,000 years old. Linking the statue to the meteorite was credible, experts said.

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An ancient Buddhist statue carved from a meteorite that the Nazis brought back from Tibet before the Second World War. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Auction house. Joseph Goebbels letters, papers and dramatic works don't sell

A auction house says the love letters and other pre-war writings of Adolf Hitler's propaganda chief Joseph Goebbels have failed to sell.

Alexander Historical Auctions says it offered the letters, school papers and dramatic works of Goebbels on Thursday. The collection

spans the period from Goebbels' childhood to shortly before he joined the Nazi party in 1924. Auction officials had hoped it would sell for more than \$200,000. Auction house president Bill Panagopulos says an overseas phone bidder made an offer that was too low.

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Delaware. Ex-coroner killed by pet llama Baby Doll's botched greeting

U.S. police say a woman has been knocked over by a pet llama that was trying to greet her and has died.

A report by the sheriff's office says former coroner Florence Lanahan apparently had a heart attack as she was being taken to a hospital.

The report says Lanahan

called for help Tuesday after a llama named Baby Doll slipped on wet grass while running to greet her.

The llama knocked Lanahan down, causing her to hit her head on concrete. Lanahan's family is working to find homes for animals on the property.

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California law. Employers, colleges can't demand access to social media accounts

California Gov. Jerry Brown has signed a pair of privacy bills making it illegal for employers and colleges to demand access to social media accounts.

Brown announced on Thursday that he signed the bill that prohibits employers from demanding user names and passwords from employ-

ees and job applicants.

The restriction does not apply to passwords or information used on employer-issued devices. It will also be illegal for colleges and universities to demand social media user names and passwords. Brown announced the bills via Twitter, Facebook and Google Plus.

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Former VANOC head John Furlong fights back against abuse allegations



John Furlong reads a statement during a news conference Thursday, called to address allegations of abuse.
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Denies any wrongdoing. Furlong threatens legal action over newspaper story alleging he abused aboriginal children



MATT KIELTYKA
Metro in Vancouver

John Furlong vows to take legal action against the Georgia Straight newspaper after it published a story alleging he physically and mentally abused aboriginal children as a teacher at a Burns Lake school.

The story, written by Laura Robinson and titled "Furlong bio omits secret past in Burns Lake," features allegations from alleged victims' signed affidavits that an 18-year-old Furlong ran physical-education classes at Immaculata Elementary School and abused students.

The former head of the Vancouver Organizing Com-

mittee for the 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games (VANOC), alongside lawyer Marvin Storrow, addressed media Thursday afternoon to issue a denial.

"As you are aware, I have been accused of physical abuse and apparently within the last hour, sexual abuse. I want you to know I categorically deny absolutely any wrongdoing and I believe that the RCMP, in looking into this matter, will discredit the complaint entirely because it just did not happen," Furlong read from a prepared statement.

"I feel that my character has been recklessly challenged and I have no choice now but to proceed with legal action."

The Georgia Straight story takes issue with claims made in Furlong's recent memoir, Patriot Hearts, that he arrived in Canada in 1974.

In his statement, Furlong said he omitted his time in Burns Lake because it was "fairly brief and fairly uneventful."

"I went back to Ireland and came to Canada years later as a landed immigrant," he said.

Furlong did not take any questions at the hastily called press conference in Vancouver, where the Order of Canada recipient now works as executive chairman of the Vancouver Whitecaps soccer club.

RCMP released a brief statement confirmed they're "aware of the allegations involving John Furlong and are investigating".

The Georgia Straight issued a brief reply Furlong's statement.

"The story was backed up with eight sworn affidavits. Marvin Storrow did not make Mr. Furlong available to respond to questions from the journalist, Laura Robinson," the weekly paper states.

"She also attempted without success to reach Mr. Furlong through his publisher, Douglas & McIntyre. Ms. Robinson was told that Mr. Furlong had "nothing more" to say to her."

Beijing murder conviction after decade-long wait

A decade of uncertainty ended with a cry of anger from a convicted murderer in a Beijing courtroom Thursday as Li Ang lashed out at the court that found him guilty of the 2002 killing of his girlfriend, Amanda Zhao.

The couple were studying in the Lower Mainland and lived together in Burnaby, B.C. when Zhao's body was found.

"It's unfair. I've been wronged," yelled Li after he was sentenced to life in prison, according to a relative of Zhao's who was in the courtroom.

The now 28-year-old Li was convicted of strangling Zhao in 2002 and stuffing her body in a suitcase before dumping it at Stave Lake on the outskirts of Vancouver.

Due to a lack of evidence, Li was released by Canadian authorities and fled Canada back to his native China where he lived with his parents and changed his name to Li Jiaming.

Investigators gathered enough evidence to charge Li after he had fled the country.

He was arrested last summer when Canadian authorities finally gave in and

Quotable

"After a 10-year struggle we are relieved."

Li Junjun
The cousin was speaking on behalf of Amanda Zhao's parents

sent the evidence for the case to Beijing after a long battle in which China insisted the trial be conducted there.

As part of the agreement, China agreed to waive the death penalty.

Trials in China are notoriously quick, but this one took a full year.

Li's lawyer Zou Jiaming said little about why the case took a year to process. Zou said her client will appeal the intentional homicide guilty verdict.

"I don't know (why it took a year), it's the judge's business," said Zou from Beijing.

Zou said her client will appeal the intentional homicide guilty verdict.

Meanwhile, Zhao's parents will now continue with a civil suit against Li's parents.

JEREMY NUTTALL/METRO VANCOUVER

Ambrose. Minister cites 'sex-selection abortion' in defending her vote

The federal cabinet minister responsible for the status of women has offered at least a partial explanation for why she voted in support of a pro-life motion.

Rona Ambrose says on Twitter that she's long been worried about discrimination against girls through "sex selection abortion."

Ambrose stunned observers Wednesday when she rose to her feet in favour of backbench MP Stephen Woodworth's motion to strike a committee to examine the definition of a human being.

Though the motion was defeated 203 to 91, Ambrose's tweet suggests she opted to support the motion as a way to raise awareness about the issue.

Ambrose was one of 10 federal Conservative cabinet ministers who supported the motion, despite the fact Prime Minister Stephen Harper has said he has no plans to reopen the abortion debate in Canada.

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Mafia got 2.5% cut, construction boss says

Quebec. Lino Zambito is the first person to describe his own personal involvement in construction-related wrongdoing

A former construction boss has delivered groundbreaking testimony about a system of corruption in the industry that

saw him pay Canada's most powerful Mafia family a 2.5 per cent cut on public contracts.

Lino Zambito told Quebec's corruption inquiry about a cartel-like operation lording over the construction industry in the province and he said he had no choice but to participate.

He described a system that drove up the cost of public works during his testimony Thursday, perhaps the most damning to be heard at the in-

Mayor's take

"As a citizen, as the mayor of Montreal, I was profoundly angered."

Montreal Mayor Gerald Tremblay speaking on his outrage over the revelations coming out of the Charbonneau inquiry

quiry so far.

Only certain companies were allowed to bid for public contracts, he said. They would

set their prices artificially high. They reached a group decision on who would submit the lowest bid. Then they took turns winning contracts, he said.

And when it was all said and done, he said, the Cosa Nostra claimed a percentage.

Zambito said that, as far as his own company was concerned, that fee was a 2.5 per cent share of the value of a sewer project, paid to the once-dominant Rizzuto family.

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A sign displays the Charbonneau inquiry in Montreal on Thursday. The inquiry is looking into corruption in Quebec's construction industry. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Woman accused of faking cancer for cash, meals

Authorities say a New Jersey woman scammed relatives and others out of cash, meals and even a wedding by falsely claiming she had bladder cancer.

Forty-year-old Lori Stiley has been charged with theft by deception.

Officials say in February 2011, the woman told those close to her and posted on Facebook that she had been diagnosed with breast cancer. In April, she said her condition had worsened.

Authorities say supporters raised more than \$10,000 after she said she didn't have medical insurance. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Penn State

Witness in Sandusky case to reveal identity

A key witness against convicted child molester and former Penn State assistant football coach Jerry Sandusky, known in court papers as Victim 1, has a book deal and will soon reveal his identity, a publisher announced Thursday.

Ballantine Bantam Dell said that Silent No More: Victim #1's Fight for Justice Against Jerry Sandusky, is coming out Oct. 23. The memoir will be co-written by the victim's mother and psychologist and "will share how he survived years of shame and secrecy, harassment and accusation, before reporting Sandusky's actions to the authorities." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Science. Bird backpacks give B.C. researchers something to crow about



State-of-the-art geolocators are outfitted on certain birds in B.C. THE CANADIAN PRESS

British Columbia birds outfitted with tiny backpacks have shown researchers that birds of a feather do not always flock together.

Forty birds from two distinct groups of Swainson's thrushes — one in Pacific Spirit Park in Vancouver and another near the Interior city of Kamloops — were fitted with penny-sized geolocators.

The state-of-the-art technology recorded light intensity data just about every day for a year, as the olive-green birds migrated as far south as South America over the win-

ter and returned to British Columbia for the summer of 2011.

That information allowed the researchers to determine where the birds went and where they stopped along the way, confirming what has long been suspected.

"These two groups are taking very different routes," said Kira Delmore, a zoology PhD student at the University of British Columbia and lead author of the paper published this week in the Proceedings of the Royal Society of London B. THE CANADIAN PRESS

A Carney candidacy? Don't bank on it, his employer says

Liberal party gossip. Finance Minister Jim Flaherty says he has 'no concerns' about the effect of all the rumours on Carney's credibility

The Bank of Canada is trying to douse rampant speculation that Mark Carney is a potential candidate for the leadership of the Liberal party.

The bank pointed Thursday to an interview Carney gave last spring in which he said he's not contemplating a career in politics and insisted he's focused on his twin jobs as governor of Canada's central bank and chairman of the international Financial Stability Board.

However, his denials to date have not been sufficiently categorical to dissuade some Liberals from dreaming of a Carney candidacy.

A "Mark Carney for leader" Facebook page has popped up.

It has garnered one friend so far — Tim Murphy, one-time chief of staff to former prime minister Paul Martin.

It would spice things up

There is no doubt a Carney candidacy would be a coup for the once-mighty Liberal party, which was reduced to rubble in the 2011 election.

- His international stature and sterling economic credentials would give the party much-needed credibility and turn what is shaping up to be a Justin Trudeau cake-walk into a must-watch contest.

Murphy and another former Martin insider, Richard Mahoney, are among the names of influential Liberals rumoured to have urged Carney to take the plunge. Neither could be reached for comment.

Speculation about Carney's possible interest in the top Liberal job has swirled for a couple of years. But the rumour mill went into hyper-drive Wednesday after news broke that Justin Trudeau will formally launch his leadership bid Tuesday in Montreal. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**



Bank of Canada governor Mark Carney is seen at Spruce Meadows Roundtable in Calgary on Sept. 7. The continuing speculation that Carney will run for Liberal party leadership puts him and the bank, who are supposed to be independent and non-partisan, in an awkward position. **JEFF MCINTOSH/THE CANADIAN PRESS**

On the road. NDP consults Canadians on health care

The federal New Democrats are hitting the road to talk about medicare, accusing the Harper government of short-changing the system.

The year-long consultation process was announced Thursday as talks among Canada's health ministers got underway in Halifax.

Health Minister Leona Aglukkaq quickly pounced on the announcement, criticizing the NDP for failing to present a medicare action plan, and maintaining that the Tories have improved the health system.

"For all the complaining that the NDP do, they don't have any new ideas for health

Something to talk about

- The New Democrats said their consultations will focus on four priorities: prescription drug access, long-term and home care services, the role of health workers and helping Canadians live healthier lives.

care," Aglukkaq said in an email to *The Canadian Press*.

"Their 'plan' is to talk about health care for three years. Canadians need more than talk: they need action."

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Rapping for forgiveness

Rhyme and punishment

A 22-year-old man who violently beat a 16-year-old boy in St. John's has apologized to the boy's family in court by rapping for forgiveness.

Standing in the prisoner's docket, moving to the beat, Matthew King, rapped his song called Forgiveness.

"The Bible says God

forgives us our sins/May him strike me dead next time I wanna throw a fist/Heads low only feelin' remorse so/Take this verse I wrote resourceful/ God help this felon's scorned soul."

King pleaded guilty to assault causing bodily harm and breach of probation from the brutal Aug. 4 attack that left the teen in a coma for three weeks. The Crown is asking for a sentence of three years in jail. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**



So pumped to be supporting this campaign

Men wearing women's high heels take part in the Walk a Mile in Her Shoes charity event on Yonge Street in downtown Toronto on Thursday. The event is held to raise awareness and funds for the White Ribbon Campaign to end violence against women. **NATHAN DENETTE/THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Americans assemble for prayer

Christian conservatives who blame "moral depravity" for everything from the recession to terrorism are converging on Philadelphia for a rally they hope will spark a religious revival as the U.S. election nears.

Called "America for Jesus 2012," the prayer assembly is attracting support across a spectrum of Protestant clergy and activists. Among the scheduled speakers are religious broadcaster Pat Rob-

ertson and Family Research Council president Tony Perkins, along with preachers such as Cindy Jacobs of Generals International ministry who say they're prophets with a direct line to God.

John Blanchard, national co-ordinator for "America for Jesus 2012," said the two-day event starting Friday night is nonpartisan. It's modelled after the 1980 "Washington for Jesus" rally, considered a

pivotal show of organizational strength by the then-fledgling Christian right. Bishop Anne Gimenez, whose late husband John helped lead the 1980 assembly, is a lead organizer of the Philadelphia gathering.

"We are praying that God would touch America," said Blanchard, executive pastor of Rock Church International in Virginia, which the Gimenez family founded.

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Right Livelihood Awards

'Alternative Nobels' awarded

A British anti-arms trade campaign and promoters of peace, human rights and the environment from the United States, Afghanistan and Turkey have been named as winners of this year's Right Livelihood Awards, also known as the "alternative Nobels."

Gene Sharp, an American developer and promoter of non-violent revolution

techniques, will share the \$195,000 US cash prize with Afghan doctor and human-rights defender Sima Samar and the Britain-based Campaign Against Arms Trade.

Turkish environmentalist Hayrettin Karaca, who co-founded the TEMA foundation — an international movement that combats soil erosion and protects natural habitats — will receive an honorary prize for "a lifetime of tireless advocacy and support for the protection and stewardship of our natural world." **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Lloyds List

'Seafarer of the year' goes to Costa Concordia crew

The crew of the Costa Concordia has been awarded the Seafarer of the Year award at the Lloyds List Global Awards ceremony for "the courage" demonstrated by crew members when the ship hit rocks and capsized last January.

Thirty-two crew and passengers died in the Jan.

13 wreck off Tuscany, Italy, which has been blamed on the captain for sailing too close to shore in an apparent stunt. The captain and eight others, including crew and Costa's crisis co-ordinator, face possible charges.

The judges cited the crew for "the genuine examples of bravery and professionalism," noting that if not for the "skilled response" of the majority of the crew "the loss of life could have been far higher." The award was presented Wednesday in London. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Delay jailing Amish while harvesting, say lawyers

Documents. Defence attorneys say clients, out on bond, convicted of hair-cutting attacks, don't pose a threat

Offspring affected

50

Prison terms could leave close to 50 children with parents in jail.

Putting all of the Amish men and women convicted in beard and hair-cutting attacks on fellow Amish behind bars now during harvest season would create a financial hardship for their families and could leave their children hungry this winter, their lawyers argued.

Nine of the 16 Amish people convicted a week ago have remained free, but the government wants them locked up before sentencing early next year.

A federal jury in Cleveland convicted all the defendants of hate crimes in the hair attacks last fall that prosecutors said stemmed from religious disputes among the Amish in eastern Ohio. Prosecutors say they targeted hair because it carries spiritual significance.

The leader of the group was found guilty of orchestrating the cuttings in an attempt to shame mainstream members who he believed were straying

from their beliefs. His followers were found guilty of carrying out the attacks, which terrorized the normally peaceful religious settlement.

Following the convictions, prosecutors said detention is mandatory for the defendants and asked that bond be revoked. U.S. District Court Judge Dan Aaron Polster is weighing the request, while the defence plans to appeal the convictions.

Several of the people convicted are married, and prison terms could leave children with one or more parents behind bars. Attorney Joseph Dubyak for one woman, Linda Schrock, says she should be allowed to remain free until sentencing, in part, because she's busy harvesting crops and canning food for her 10 children. Her husband, who has also been convicted, has been jailed since his arrest. "She is the sole support of these children," he wrote.

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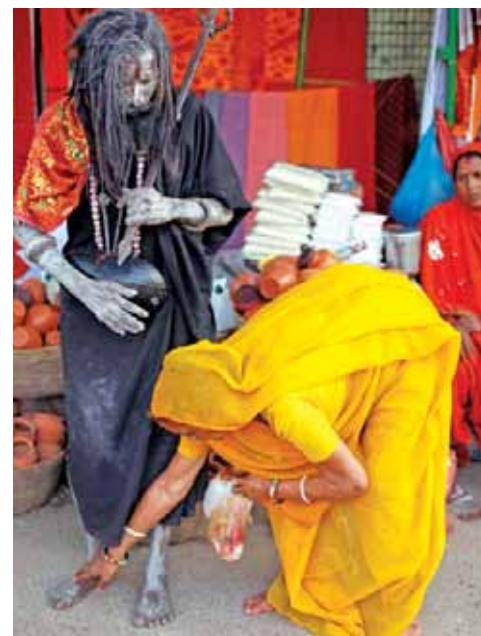
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Pilgrims gather at Ganges

A devotee seeks the blessings of a Hindu holy man on the banks of the River Ganges in Varanasi, India, on Thursday. Varanasi is among the world's oldest cities, and millions of Hindu pilgrims gather annually here for ritual bathing and prayers in the Ganges River, considered holiest by Hindus. **RAJESH KUMAR SINGH/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Syrian government sends mass texts telling rebels to surrender

Psychological ploy.

Army warns fighters it's time to lay down their weapons, get rid of foreign supporters

Syrian authorities sent text messages over cellphones nationwide Thursday with a message for rebels fighting President Bashar Assad's regime: "Game over."

The messages signed by the Syrian Arab Army also urged the rebels to surrender their weapons and warned the countdown to evict foreign fighters has begun. The texts appear to be part of the regime's psychological battle against the rebels, but are highly unlikely to have any effect on fighters intent on toppling Assad.

Syrians say they began receiving the messages a day after rebels bombed a military command centre in Damascus — a major security breach of the heavily guarded capital



A man is comforted after an army sniper killed his brother in Aleppo, Syria, on Thursday. MANU BRABO/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

that highlighted the regime's vulnerability in the face of a rebellion growing in confidence and capabilities.

People with cellular subscriptions received the messa-

ges while those with prepaid phones did not.

Syria's two cellphone providers are privately owned, and the government would presumably have to pay for

the service. Government officials were not available for comment.

In August, Syrian army helicopters dropped leaflets warning rebels in Damascus

to hand over their arms and seek amnesty.

Despite Wednesday's high-profile attack, the two sides have been locked in a stalemate after 18 months of conflict. Activists say the death toll since the uprising against Assad began in March last year has topped 30,000, with nearly two-thirds of the casualties reported in the past five months.

On Thursday, rebel fighters launched a push to try to take control of Aleppo, Syria's largest city and a major strategic prize in a stalemate civil war, opposition activists said.

Heavy clashes erupted Thursday in more than a dozen locations in the city, Syria's largest with three million people, said Mohammed Saeed, a local activist. Government forces shelled several districts, he said, speaking via Skype.

Rebels also attacked a compound of Syria's political security department in the city, said Rami Abdul-Rahman, head of the Syrian Observatory for Human Rights.

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Uprising

The Syrian situation at a glance.

- **Origin:** March 15, when protests as part of the Arab Spring movement turned violent.
- **Opponents.** Bashar al-Assad's ruling Ba'athist Party backed by Hezbollah and Iran, against the Free Syrian Army, backed by Saudi Arabia, Qatar and Turkey.
- **Casualties.** Over 30,000 Syrians, 341 foreign civilians and two Turkish fighter pilots; over 1.5 million have been displaced as refugees.
- **Other issues.** Soldiers have been accused of human-rights violations, Syria has been hit with a crime wave and refugees have flooded Lebanon.

Israel rattles sabre at Iran during UN address

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu warned Thursday that Iran will have enough enriched uranium to make a nuclear bomb by next summer and urged the world to draw a clear "red line" to stop it in its tracks.

Saying it was getting "late, very late" to stop Iran, Netanyahu flashed a diagram showing the progress Iran has made toward creating a bomb. He said Iran had already completed the first stage of uranium enrichment, and then he drew his own red line on the diagram to highlight the point of no return — the completion of the second stage and 90 per cent enrichment.

"Iran is 70 per cent of the way there and ... well into the second stage. By next summer, at current enrichment rates, they will have finished the medium enrichment and move on to the final stage," Netanyahu said. "From there it is only a few more weeks before they have enriched enough for a bomb."

Netanyahu has repeatedly argued that time is running out to stop Iran from becoming a nuclear power and the threat of force must be seriously considered.

"I believe that faced with



Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu addresses the United Nations General Assembly in New York City Thursday. AP PHOTO/RICHARD DREW

a clear red line, Iran will back down — and it will give more time for sanctions and diplomacy," the Israeli prime minister said. "Red lines don't lead to war, red lines prevent war ... nothing could imperil the world more than a nuclear-armed Iran."

Netanyahu's speech marks perhaps his final plea before Israel takes matters into its own hands. Israeli leaders have issued a series

of warnings in recent weeks suggesting that if Iran's uranium-enrichment program continues it may soon stage a unilateral military strike.

The Obama administration has urgently sought to hold off Israeli military action, which would likely result in the U.S. being pulled into a conflict and cause region-wide mayhem on the eve of American elections.

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Harper accepts an award in N.Y.C., takes swing at UN

Named a statesman.

Prime Minister collects plaudit from Henry Kissinger instead of hearing Netanyahu, Abbas across town

Prime Minister Stephen Harper took a swipe at the United Nations and assailed Iran on Thursday as he picked up an international statesman award, suggesting once again that the UN has too often wooed dictators despite their appalling human-rights records and sinister aims.

Canadians expect their government officials to endeavour to make decisions "for the wider interests of humanity," Harper told a reception at the glitzy Waldorf Astoria hotel after receiving his award from the Appeal of Conscience Foundation.



Prime Minister Stephen Harper will be a few blocks away from the UN building. AP PHOTO/JASON DECROW

"That is, of course, not the same thing as trying to court every dictator with a vote at the United Nations, or just going along with every international consensus, no matter how self-evidently wrong-headed," Harper's shot at the

UN came as he was criticized back home for once again skipping the United Nations General Assembly.

Hundreds of world leaders were gathered just a few blocks away discussing the biggest global issues of the day, including the situation in Syria, the ominous dispute between Israel and Iran and the eruption of anti-American violence in the Middle East.

The prime minister had harsh words for Iran as he accepted the foundation's "world statesman" award from storied U.S. statesman Henry Kissinger, Richard Nixon's onetime secretary of state.

The elderly Kissinger, now 89 and frail, met with Harper earlier in the day at his Park Avenue office and said later Thursday that he agreed with Harper's tough stand against Iran.

Canada recently closed its embassy in Tehran.

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Weren't you in Top Gun?

Defence Minister Peter MacKay, left, shakes hands with incoming Commander of the Royal Canadian Air Force, Lt.-Gen. Yvan Blondin, during the RCAF Change of Command ceremony Thursday in Ottawa.

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SARS-like virus

WHO issues a worldwide alert

Global health officials have alerted doctors to be on the lookout for a virus related to SARS, but said there were no signs the disease was behaving like the respiratory syndrome that killed hundreds in 2003.

The World Health Organization announced this week that a new coronavirus had been found in a critically ill Qatari man as well as in a Saudi Arabian man who died several months earlier. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

'Foreign agents'

Russian NGOs to defy Kremlin

Leading Russian non-government organizations said Thursday they would defy a new Kremlin law requiring those who receive funding from abroad to register as "foreign agents."

The heads of nine prominent NGOs have said they would ignore the law, which was approved by the Kremlin-controlled parliament. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Earlier Mona Lisa version revealed

Double. Second version, made 10 years before the one on display in the Louvre, needs further study: Expert

The mystery behind the most enigmatic smile in art — Leonardo da Vinci's Mona Lisa — just got a little more complicated.

In a coming-out party of sorts in Geneva, rounds of flashbulbs popped Thursday as the non-profit Mona Lisa Foundation pulled back the curtain to present what it claims is a predecessor of the world's most famous portrait.

But even the experts brought in by the foundation

weren't sure about that claim.

The art world is prone to all sorts of rumours and speculation — and, periodically, discoveries that jolt accepted norms. Two years ago, a retired French electrician claimed that he had turned up 271 Picasso works that had been sitting for decades in his garage — and Picasso's heirs claimed theft.

But a new claim about the world's most famous painting, which draws millions of visitors to Paris' Louvre Museum each year, resonates like a thunderclap in the art world. It also prompts a new look at a painting that still raises a lot of questions for experts — not least the timeless "Is she smiling or not?"

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On Thursday the Mona Lisa Foundation presented evidence supporting its claim that there have always been two portraits of the Mona Lisa by Leonardo da Vinci: the famous one displayed in the Louvre in Paris and a second version made 10 years earlier. LAURENT GILLIERON/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Jesus as a groom. Vatican newspaper adds to doubt

The Vatican newspaper has added to the doubts surrounding Harvard University's claim that a 4th-century Coptic papyrus fragment showed that some early Christians believed that Jesus was married, declaring it a "fake."

The Vatican newspaper, L'Osservatore Romano, published an article Thursday by leading Coptic scholar Alberto Camplani and an accompanying editorial by the news-

paper's editor, Giovanni Maria Vian, an expert in early Christianity. They both cited concerns expressed by other scholars about the fragment's authenticity and the fact that it was purchased on the market without a known archaeological provenance.

"At any rate, a fake," Vian entitled his editorial, which criticized Harvard for creating a "clamorous" media frenzy.

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Sale put on hold

Painting may have went missing six decades ago

The Renoir painting that caused a sensation when it was bought at a flea market for \$7 may have been stolen from a museum six decades ago, and an auction house has put its sale on hold.

The planned Saturday auction was cancelled Thursday after a reporter for the Washington Post discovered

documents in the Baltimore Museum of Art's library showing that the painting was on loan there from 1937 until 1951, when it was stolen.

The Impressionist painting, whose title translates as Landscape on the Banks of the Seine, was purchased two years ago at a West Virginia flea market. The buyer, a Virginia woman who has not revealed her name, took it to auction house The Potomack Co. in July, and experts there confirmed it was by the French master Pierre-Auguste Renoir. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Chinese activist artist says he won't pay rest of \$2.4M fine

Ai Weiwei. Artist's supporters have interpreted the penalty as official retaliation against his activism

Activist artist Ai Weiwei said he does not intend to pay \$1.1 million demanded by Beijing tax officials after he lost a final appeal in the case on Thursday, a defiant stance that threatens further confrontation with authorities.

Beijing's No. 2 Intermediate Court rejected a second and final appeal of the \$2.4-million fine levied against Ai's design company for alleged tax evasion.

The company earlier submitted a financial guarantee of \$1.3 million to officials in order to get a review of his case. That money will be automatically collected, Ai

said, but he won't pay the difference.

"Our intention is that we are not going to pay," Ai said. He said he wasn't sure what will happen as a result and still had to discuss the plan with his lawyers.

The fine was levied last year, soon after he was released from detention in an overall crackdown on dissent.

Ai and his company, Fake Cultural Development Ltd., accused the tax bureau of violating laws in handling witnesses, gathering evidence and company accounts. The court rejected those claims, and the ruling cannot be appealed again.

Ai said he was disappointed but not surprised.

"What surprises me is that this society, which is developing at such a rapid rate today, still has the most barbaric and backward legal system," he said.

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Chinese activist artist Ai Weiwei leaves court on Thursday after attending his appeal case in Beijing. Chinese authorities on Thursday rejected Ai's second appeal of a \$2.4-million tax fine. ANDY WONG/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Stuck in China

Ai Weiwei says authorities have yet to return his passport, taken after he was detained without explanation for three months last year. Authorities had said they would give his passport back after a probationary period that ended in June.

- Not having the passport has kept him from going to exhibitions of his work and other engagements in Washington, New York and Berlin, he said.
- A sculptor, photographer and installation artist, Ai has used his art and online profile to draw attention to injustices in Chinese society and the need for greater transparency and rule of law.



Chinese icebreaker Xuelong, or Snow Dragon, docks in Shanghai Thursday after an 85-day scientific quest across the Arctic Ocean. It is the first Chinese vessel to cross the Arctic Ocean. XINHUA-PEI XIN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Icebreaker sets a first for China

A Chinese icebreaker docked Thursday in Shanghai after becoming the first vessel from China to cross the Arctic Ocean, a landmark trip that is part of Beijing's efforts to expand its presence in the Arctic.

With melting icecaps accelerating the opening of new shipping routes and the exploration of oil, gas and mineral deposits in the Arctic,

China has been eager to gain a foothold in the region.

The icebreaker Snow Dragon returned to Shanghai after wrapping up a three-month mission that took it from the Pacific Ocean to the Atlantic via the Arctic, the Shanghai-based Polar Research Institute of China said in a statement. The vessel's 119 crew members completed an oceanic survey in waters

around Iceland with their Icelandic counterparts.

Though it has no territorial claims in the Arctic, China has been lobbying for permanent observer status on the eight-member Arctic Council in a bid to gain influence.

During summer months when they are passable, Arctic shipping routes between China and Europe are 40 per cent faster than travelling

through the Indian Ocean, the Suez Canal and the Mediterranean Sea.

The institute's statement said Snow Dragon gained "first-hand information about navigation in Arctic sea lanes as well as the oceanic environment, and carried out useful exploration and practice for our nation's ships that use Arctic passages in the future."

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Fearing for their lives. Egypt's Coptic Christians flee after death threats

Coptic Christian families have fled their homes in a town in Egypt's Sinai Peninsula, fearing for their lives after receiving death threats from suspected Islamic militants, a local priest said Thursday.

Father Youssef Sobhi said that Islamic militants dropped leaflets on the doorsteps of shops owned by Copts in the city of Rafah near the border with Gaza and Israel, ordering them to leave town within 48 hours, and making an implicit warning of violence if they failed to do so. Two days later, masked militants on a motorcycle opened fire on one of the shops before speeding off, Sobhi said. No one was hurt in the shooting.

When Christians met Tuesday with the province's top government official, who was recently appointed



Egyptian Copts carry a Christian cross and a candle and chant prayers. NASSER NASSER/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

by Egypt's new Islamist president, Mohammed Morsi, the governor promised to facilitate the Copts' move to the nearby city of el-Arish, but did not offer to protect the community to ensure that it stayed in Rafah, according to the priest.

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Parole violation. Man behind Innocence of Muslims video arrested

The California man behind a crudely produced anti-Islamic video posted to YouTube that has inflamed parts of the Middle East was arrested for violating terms of his probation, authorities said Thursday.

Nakoula Basseley Nakoula, 55, was convicted in 2010 for federal check fraud and sentenced to 21 months in prison. Under terms of his probation, he was not allowed to use computers or

the Internet for five years without approval from his probation officer.

Nakoula was arrested after federal probation officials determined he violated the terms of his supervised release, said Thomas Mrozek U.S. Attorney's spokesman in Los Angeles.

A U.S. District Court hearing was scheduled for Nakoula on Thursday afternoon. It was closed to media and the public. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Vatican thief will stand trial Saturday

The Holy See.

High-profile case will see the Pope play both victim and judge as head of Vatican monarchy

There was a time when a Vatican trial could end with a heretic being burned at the stake. Paolo Gabriele doesn't risk nearly as dire a fate, but he and the Holy See face a very public airing over the gravest security breach in the Vatican's recent history following the theft and leaking of the Pope's personal papers.

Gabriele, the Pope's once-trusted butler, goes on trial Saturday, accused of stealing the Pope's documents and passing them off to a journalist — a sensational, Hollywood-like scandal that exposed power struggles, intrigue and allegations of corruption in the highest levels of the Catholic Church.

Gabriele is charged with aggravated theft and faces up to four years in prison if convicted by the three-judge Vatican tribunal. He has already confessed and asked to be pardoned by the Pope — something most Vatican watchers say is a given if he is convicted — making the trial almost a formality.

It's the most high-profile case to come to the Vatican tribunal since its creation with the 1929 birth of the Vatican city state. The only other that comes close was aborted before it began: the 1998 killing of the Swiss Guard commander and his wife allegedly by a disgrun-



A Vatican aide holds a drink for Pope Benedict XVI in St. Peter's square at the Vatican on Wednesday. Pope Benedict XVI's ex-butler and another Vatican lay employee are scheduled to go on trial Saturday in the embarrassing theft of papal documents that exposed alleged corruption at the Holy See's highest levels. GREGORIO BORGIA/ASSOCIATED PRESS

tled subordinate never came about because the suspect committed suicide.

To be sure, trials are nothing new at the Vatican: In 2011, 640 civil cases and 226 penal cases were processed by the Vatican's judiciary, though only a handful actually came to trial. And that's not counting the marriage annulments, clerical sex-abuse cases and other church-law matters that come before the Vatican's ecclesial courts.

Yet this case will cast an unusually bright spotlight on the Vatican's legal system, which

Case history

640

In 2011 alone, 640 civil cases and 226 penal cases were processed by the Vatican's judiciary, though only a handful actually came to trial.

is based on the 19th-century Italian criminal code, and the rather unique situation in which the Pope is essentially the victim and supreme judge in this case.

The Vatican is an elective ab-

solute monarchy, with the Pope having full executive, legislative and judicial authority. He delegates that power through executive appointments, legislative commissions and tribunals.

But he can intervene to stop a trial from starting, can pardon someone once convicted and the sentence is issued in his name. Giovanni Giacobbe, the Vatican's appeals court prosecutor, insisted that despite the pope's authority, Vatican judges are wholly independent.

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Tasty trend

Snack makers roll out mid-calorie product offerings

Dieters know if you take the fat and calories out of your favourite treats, you sometimes say goodbye to the taste too. But snack brands like Dreyer's/Edy's ice cream, Hershey's chocolate

and Lay's potato chips are trying to solve that by rolling out mid-calorie goodies with more fat and calories than the snacks of earlier diet crazes. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



This half-fat ice cream is part of a trend in mid-calorie products. DREYER'S/EDY'S

Microsoft

Windows 8 is 'a very big deal,' says Gates

Microsoft founder Bill Gates on Thursday called the new Windows 8 operating system scheduled for release next month "a very exciting new product" and "a very big deal" for the world's

largest software maker.

Gates said he is already using Windows 8 "and I'm very pleased with it." Windows 8, to be released Oct. 26, is Microsoft's biggest overhaul of Windows in more than a decade and the company's attempt to stay relevant and exciting in a world where mobile gadgets have started to overshadow personal computers. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Cost-cutting shifts burden to provinces, budget officer says

Financial outlook.

Parliamentary official projects lower levels of government will add enough debt to resemble Greece, Italy

Ottawa's cost-cutting measures have put it on a sound fiscal track for the future, but the provinces are left holding the bag, says Canada's budget watchdog.

Parliamentary Budget Officer Kevin Page's latest long-term projection on government finances suggests Ottawa has little to fear from the loss of revenue and rising costs tied to the aging population.

Page also judges the Canada Pension Plan and Quebec Pension Plan fiscally sound.

But the report, released Thursday, shows provinces and municipalities adding so

much debt over the next 70 years or so they would resemble Greece and Italy if something is not done.

The report calculates that provinces and their municipalities have a fiscal gap of about two per cent of gross domestic product now — or \$36 billion — and by 2086 will have debt worth 350 per cent of GDP. Meanwhile, Ottawa will be in a structural surplus.

Page cautions that this is a "what if" scenario and is not a forecast, but adds that governments need to be aware of the fiscal track they're following to ensure they make the right policy decisions.

"We're not saying in the report that the provinces have to panic and start taking measures right now," Page said in an interview.

"But in terms of dealing with aging demographics ... if they wait five years the gap goes from something like two to 2.3 (per cent of GDP). If you wait 10 years it goes to 2.6. If

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you wait 20 years it's well over three per cent (and) it starts increasing exponentially."

In essence, the federal government has already taken "decisive" measures to address the fiscal gap, Page said.

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Soup-plant workers canned in wake of slow sales

Cans of Campbell's soup are seen in Moreland Hills, Ohio, in this August 2011 photo. Campbell Soup announced Thursday that it will close two U.S. plants and cut more than 700 jobs as it looks to trim costs amid declining canned-soup consumption. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE**

Big Pharma

U.S. prosecutors extract \$30B in settlements

U.S. federal and state prosecutors have collected more than \$30 billion US from drug companies for alleged fraud and illegal marketing over the last 20

years, according to a new report by consumer advocacy group Public Citizen.

The report shows that state attorneys are increasingly following the lead of federal prosecutors in seeking multimillion-dollar settlements with drugmakers such as GlaxoSmithKline and Eli Lilly & Co.

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Landry McGillivray Welcomes Teddy Comeau


Landry McGillivray is pleased to announce the addition of Teddy Comeau to their team of lawyers. Teddy is a life-long resident of Dartmouth, with strong ties to the community. He graduated with a Juris Doctor degree from the Schulich School of Law at Dalhousie University. After being called to the Nova Scotia Bar in June 2012, Teddy joined Landry McGillivray. Teddy's practice will include Civil Litigation, Personal Injury, Real Estate, and Wills & Estates.

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CN testing out natural-gas trains in oilsands region

Retrofitting project. Converting diesel-fired locomotives could cut CO2 emissions by 30%

Canadian National Railway is exploring whether it's feasible to use cheap and relatively clean natural gas to power its trains instead of diesel.

To start out, CN has retrofitted two of its existing diesel-fired locomotives to run mainly on natural gas. It's testing the locomotives along the 480-kilometre stretch between Edmonton, a key energy-processing and pipeline hub, and the oilsands epicentre of Fort McMurray, Alta.

Longer term, CN and three other partners are looking at developing an all-new natural-gas locomotive engine as well as a specialized tank car to carry the fuel.

Natural-gas giant Encana

Natural gas use

- Some companies, including Encana, have been pushing for cheap, plentiful natural gas to be used as a transportation fuel.
- Proponents see industrial-

trucking and public-transit fleets being the first to adopt the technology, rather than everyday consumers. Natural gas is also being used to fuel equipment in the energy industry.

Corp. is providing the fuelling, which, along with maintenance, will be taking place in Edmonton.

Energy Conversion Inc., the U.S. company that's supplying the conversion kits to CN, says the move will cut carbon dioxide emissions by 30 per cent and nitrogen oxide emissions by 70 per cent over a locomotive duty cycle.

"Natural gas has a lower carbon content compared with diesel fuel, so that locomotives using natural gas — if the railway technology employing this form of energy ultimately

proves viable — would produce significantly fewer carbon dioxide emissions," said CN chief operating officer Keith Creel in a release.

Railcars currently carry machinery and construction materials up to the oilsands, and extraction byproducts such as petroleum coke and sulphur south.

Natural gas is currently cheap and plentiful in North America, so there are likely cost benefits to the railway as well, though a CN spokesman said it's too early to quantify the impact. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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Bruce Willis and Joseph Gordon-Levitt play the same character in the time travel flick *Looper*. HANDOUT

Reel Guys

RICHARD
CROUSE AND
MARK BRESLIN



Nothing average in this film about Joe

Looper. Joseph Gordon-Levitt channels Bruce Willis in time travel flick. Metro's Ned Ehrbar sits in for Mark Breslin this week

Richard: Ned, the actors aren't the stars of the movie, the ideas are. Is it airtight? Nope, but what time travel movie is? Future crime bosses could have done the killing themselves and sent the bodies back to be disposed of, but where's the fun in that? We need the two Joes in one place to get the story revved. It's what happens after that is interesting. Did you buy into the story?

Ned: I totally bought into the story, thanks in large part to how it's told. Having been a

huge fan of Rian Johnson's first film, *Brick*, I realize I'm more than a little predisposed to love this. He takes the noir brushstrokes used in that film and sends them into the future, creating one that's gritty and real enough to be believable. Heck, he even makes time travel and telekinesis feel mundane within the world of the film, which is a neat trick.

RC: It sure is. He uses the sci-fi premise to allow the character of Joe in both forms to examine his life; past, present and future, and discover what's really important to him. It's humanist science fiction that values people over special effects. It's also a wildly entertaining chase movie, with enough sci-fi to keep the left side of your brain engaged while the right brain will thrill to the chase.

NE: I'll admit I was wary of

the decision to use prosthetic makeup to make Joseph Gordon-Levitt look more like Bruce Willis, but they pull it off for the most part. And the way the two actors work together to create one character — rather than have Gordon-Levitt just do a Willis impression — is fantastic. It's also the most I've enjoyed Willis in years.

RC: It's two, two Joes in one. I thought Gordon-Levitt nailed the cadences of Willis's voice. Willis is Willis, but he does world-weary like no one else. I also enjoyed Emily Blunt as a protective mother whose son (Pierce Gagnon) is on Old Joe's hit list. Ditto Jeff Daniels who takes a break from *The Newsroom* to play the looper boss.

NE: Great performances all around, for sure, in a movie that's smart, well-made and just so much fun. I wish I

Synopsis

Thirty years in the future time travel is illegal. The only people who use it are criminal organizations who send undesirables back to the past to be disposed of. Joe (Joseph Gordon-Levitt) is an experienced looper — or present day trigger-man. He doesn't count on a crime lord from the future ordering his loop be closed. That is, sending his future self, Old Joe (Bruce Willis), to present day to be executed.

- Richard: ●●●●
- Ned: ●●●●

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Being Bruce Willis:
Joseph Gordon-Levitt
impersonates the action
star in *Looper*.



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Drama



Won't Back Down

Director. Daniel Barnz

Stars. Maggie Gyllenhaal, Viola Davis

If it weren't for alluring performances from Oscar-nominees Viola Davis and Maggie Gyllenhaal, *Won't Back Down* would be as bland as its uninspired title. A heavy-handed drama about a single mother and an overworked teacher who use bureaucracy to overthrow a failing school, the Daniel Barnz (*Beastly*) drama is predictably aimed at rousing audiences. But while topical enough in today's times, the obvious outcome won't make the grade with most audiences.

STEVE GOW

Family/Comedy



Hotel Transylvania

Director. Genndy Tartakovsky

Stars. Adam Sandler, Selena Gomez

It's not that the notion of a hotel exclusively for misunderstood monsters seeking refuge from hostile humans isn't clever, but in *Hotel Transylvania* at least, the premise overstates its welcome. Featuring the voices of such talents as a vampiric Adam Sandler and Selena Gomez, the family-friendly film aims high with a visual play on gothic gags that unfortunately only endure as long as you are entertained by such things as flatulent B-movie monsters.

STEVE GOW

Comedy/Musical



Pitch Perfect

Director. Jason Moore

Stars. Anna Kendrick, Rebel Wilson, Brittany Snow

A toe-tappin', fun lovin' descendant of *Glee*, *Pitch Perfect* brings together talented actors and singers in yet another 21st century spin on Judy Garland / Mickey Rooney "Let's put on a show" genre. There's just enough freshman romance, competition, irony and bitchery to fill out a musical about a girl group competing for national capella honours following a humiliating loss the previous year. There's every college stereotype in the book and there's nothing new but the musical performances make it sing.

ANNE BRODIE

Drama



The Master

Director. Paul Thomas Anderson

Stars. Philip Seymour Hoffman, Joaquin Phoenix, Amy Adams

Director Paul Thomas Anderson uses the birth of a religion as a backdrop for a study in extreme behaviour focusing on two troubled men, 1950s mystic Lancaster Dodd (Philip Seymour Hoffman) and drunken naval officer Freddie Quell (Joaquin Phoenix). As Quell, Phoenix is a raw twitching nerve, part Brando, part Bukowski. It's an astonishing, revelatory performance. As untamed as Phoenix is, Hoffman is controlled, handing in a performance brimming with confidence.

RICHARD CROUSE

Quoted

"I guess there's stuff that surprises me. I really haven't gone into deep, heavy discussions with people about the time travel logic and what they got and what they didn't, but so far the most surprising thing has been the stuff that we were trying to communicate seems to have gotten through. When you're making a movie, it feels like to some degree you're putting a message in a bottle and chucking it out to sea, and years later to talk to people who've seen it and hear that things landed for them, that feels really good."

Writer-director Rian Johnson on audience reactions to his new film, *Looper*.

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Jennifer Hudson and Terrence Howard star in *Winnie*, which opens next Friday. HANDOUT

Weaving a love story into apartheid tale

Winnie. Filmmaker
looked at a major
historical event
through the
relationship of
Mandela and ex-wife

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Darrell Roodt has taken flak
for casting American actors
in *Winnie* — his biopic about
Nelson and Winnie Mandela.
But the South African film-
maker is making no apologies.

"It's fine for Clint Eastwood
to come to town and bring
Morgan (Freeman)," defended
Roodt recently referencing the
American icon's 2009 hit
Invictus. "But as soon as a
South African does it, he gets
nailed to the wall. My answer
to this is very simple: I didn't hire

American actors to play
Nelson and Winnie. I hired
great actors to play them."

The veteran director may
have cast Oscar winner
Jennifer Hudson and nominee
Terrence Howard to bring the
one-time president and first-
lady of South Africa to the
big screen but he believes the
proof is in the stars' stellar
performances — particularly
Howard who not only takes
on the uncanny appearance of
Mandela, but did so even be-
fore it was necessary.

"He was astonishing. He
was my choice when I was
writing it and just to be
around him when he was
doing that was quite amazing,"
said Roodt. "He was Mandela
six months before he came
to shoot. Every time I had a
phone conversation with him
it was like talking to Mandela
on the phone."

While the film (which hits
theatres October 5) mostly cen-
tres on the controversial life

of Winnie Mandela (who was
an aggressive anti-apartheid
activist all throughout her
ex-husband's 27-year incar-
ceration), Roodt also saw the
drama as a beautiful love story.

"The book that it's based
on, the very last line says 'and
so one of the great love stor-
ies of the 20th Century came
to an end,'" explained Roodt.
"When I read that I just
thought that's such a percep-
tive insight into this story."

Filmmaker's take

- **Roodt on the real Win-
nie Mandela.** "People on
the street really admire
her and with good rea-
son," said Roodt. "She
was very active in liberat-
ing South Africa. I mean
Nelson was in prison,
she was on the streets
fighting the fight."



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K'naan's first book offers glimpse into childhood

Children's story.

When I Get Older is a window into rapper's life growing up in his native Somalia

As a newcomer to Canada, K'naan was able to find a source of both solace and expression through music.

The launch of his first-ever children's book represents

a full-circle moment of sorts for the award-winning rapper, as he fuses literature, art and music to share his childhood story of the immigrant experience.

While the Somali-Canadian poet and MC initially planned — and still hopes — to pen a memoir for adults, When I Get Older: The Story Behind 'Wavin' Flag' documents a pivotal period of K'naan's life geared toward a younger audience.

The book offers a window into life growing up in his native Somalia, and his mother's decision for the family to flee the African country following the outbreak of civil war in 1991. It includes vibrant illustrations by Rudy Gutierrez as well as a brief summary on the history of Somalia.

When I Get Older chronicles the challenges K'naan faced adjusting to life in New York and later Toronto,

where he describes feeling like an outsider in his new environment, from his clothes to contending with a crude classmate.

"I thought it would be really more interesting for me — at this moment anyway — to write a little story contextualizing certain things which could seem so mythical to kids, and putting them in simple words around a song they already love," K'naan said in a recent phone

interview.

Music will again be in the forefront for K'naan with the upcoming release of Country, God or the Girl on Oct. 16. The new album will include a number of high-profile collaborations, including with Bono. K'naan and the U2 frontman have previously teamed up outside of the recording studio to bring awareness to the plight of famine in Somalia.

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Rapper and author K'naan

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Tuesday will be another big release day for fourth-quarter albums. Here are three recommended samples from Canada, the U.K. and the U.S.

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Streets Ahead/ The Tragically Hip

When I spoke to members of the band in mid-2011, they said they'd have a record that fall. Oops. And Now for Plan B is their 13th studio record.



The Second Law: Unsustainable/ Muse

After months of teasing, we're finally going to get The Second Law. This track specifically references the second law of thermodynamics, but I'm not sure if they got the physics right.



Flavor/Tori Amos

Could we be on the cusp of a major Tori renaissance? Possibly. There's good early buzz on Gold Dust.

Deadmau5 shows he's far from the timid type

Interview. Electronica superstar lashes out at Metro writer during an interview about his new album

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The magic carpet that lifted Joel Zimmerman from his modest days as a computer geek in Niagara Falls, Ont., to the apex of electronica soars on. He was the first-ever electronic artist to front Rolling Stone, blew the wow-meter whistle with his Grammy performance, and just unleashed his sixth long player, already a near chart-topper in all places that matter.

Deadmau5's >album title goes here< ("There's no message in the title," he said during a Skype one-on-one), drives into you like a train at the get-go. From the sultry rumble of Superliminal, to the hump-hump pump of There Might Be Coffee, and the "let me do the time-warp with your head" shiver of the Close-Encounters-themed Closer, the happy beats just don't stop.

Well then, who needs "Molly?" For those who don't know, that's a reference to Deadmau5's expletive-laced Facebook rant directed at Madonna, after she asked partiers at the Ultra Music Festival: "How many people in this crowd have seen Molly?"

Quotes

A few choice quotes from the interview

- **Do you dance?** "Not really, I am usually the head-nodder guy."
- **What's the most club-friendly track on the album?** "Closer is definitely more the clubby tune."
- **Who do you listen to?** "Radiohead, Nine Inch Nails, Boards of Canada, lots of different stuff."



Clearly, a thinly veiled reference to the drug MDMA, also referenced in the title of the old girl's new album. (Metro was barred from asking Deadmau5 about this.)

Millions of Mouse fans, however, do have the opportunity to engage the feisty Zimmerman on social media, something he enjoys immensely.

"That's important to me... it's opening up that transparency between artist and fans, let them know what you're up to," he said over Skype. "I have pretty much dedicated my life to my career and my career to my life, to share that with other people is a wonderful thing."

When asked how he felt about some his fans being high at his concerts, Zimmerman responded with: "You are a dumbass for making such a

stupid statement — all of the fans at my show are high? Are you high right now? I don't think that is a fair statement, I'd like to avoid that question."

No, we said some of your fans ... Can you talk about what the experience is like for you, then, creating this technological orgy during your performances?

"I am just too busy with my machines ... I just go into auto-pilot and go through the

motions, as I do every show. Just try to deliver the best quality-sounding thing, as opposed to showboating it, I mean that's what the production gear is for," Mouse said.

"I much prefer eyes on the gear, and take care of all that and let the show itself dazzle everyone as opposed to me getting played on a CD player and fist-pumping and doing cartwheels with two leopards," Mouse roared.

What does Zimmerman

think of Billy Joe Armstrong's (Green Day) meltdown?

"I did not see it, I wasn't there and I don't know him. I wish him well. ...What does that have to do with the album?"

It was a question requested from a fan, sent to Metro via Twitter. "Well, I could ask questions on Twitter."

Dead silence ... Deadmau5 killed the call. Ouch, this Mouse has claws.



Deadmau5 had lots to say in a recent interview with Metro. HANDOUT

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This undated image released by Showtime shows actor Damian Lewis as Nicholas Brody in a scene from Homeland. It's the hottest show on TV, and yet most Canadians have likely only caught a glimpse of Homeland through splashy U.S. awards shows. SHOWTIME/KENT SMITH/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Nicholas Brody Played by Damian Lewis

When we first met him...

Brody, the Marine sergeant who was held by al-Qaida as a prisoner of war for eight years, returned to the U.S. a war hero, but was suspected of being "turned" by terrorists and viewed as a risk to national security by CIA operative Carrie Mathison.

"In the first season, he was a man just trying to re-enter civilian life," Lewis says. "There was a degree of damage which elicited some sympathy from the audience, but at the same time he also was the menace. So people were terrified of him."

What's to come

Now a U.S. congressman, will Brody achieve his goal of destroying America from within?

"Brody made a mission statement at the end of the first season, saying he wanted a non-violent political subversion of American policy," Lewis says. "He would like to think he's in control of his own destiny. He absolutely won't be in my prediction for this season, and I think he will live in a state of heightened anxiety and paranoia and uncertainty. Essentially, he's everybody's b—. He's pretty f—ed."

Carrie Mathison Played by Claire Danes

When we first met her...

As a CIA agent in Iraq, Carrie was told of an American POW who had been turned into an al-Qaida sleeper agent. Suffering from bipolar disorder — something she hid from nearly everyone — she became obsessed with the recently released Nicholas Brody, who fit the description of the terrorist.

"There was that crescendo of mania at the very end (caused by Carrie's bipolar disorder), but throughout that first season, it

was sort of simmering," Danes says of her character's condition. Though her illness complicated things, Danes believes the highly intelligent Carrie had "some suspicion that maybe her condition was responsible for her genius. I think that's probably true for a lot of people with the condition," she adds.

What's to come

After Carrie's condition was made public, the disgraced operative sought treatment through electroconvulsive therapy. Undergoing the procedure, which can cause memory loss, led to her being unable to recall key information she uncovered about Brody — even after she is asked to return to duty.

"She's been outed as this person with this condition, and that has altered her in a pretty fundamental way," Danes says.

"She's not hiding to the same extent, and she doesn't have that same kind of panic and defensiveness. And when we find her at the beginning of the second season, she's been very humbled, and she's really struggling with a real crisis of confidence. She gets her mojo back, but it takes some time."

Three new shows to keep an eye out for

Metro World News



Made in Jersey

A plucky gal from New Jersey uses her blue-collar background to her advantage to work her way up at a prestigious Manhattan law firm full of Ivy League snobs. Soft-spoken British star Janet Montgomery nails the brassy attitude and accent TV viewers now expect of characters from the Garden State.

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Malibu Country

Reba McEntire returns to the multi-camera sitcom format as a wronged mother of two who moves into her cheating country singer husband's Malibu pad and decides to revive her own music career. The scene-stealer is Lily Tomlin, playing Reba's marijuana-loving mama.

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It's all in a day's work for Garner's hubby, Affleck

With three young kids already at home, Jennifer Garner says she's not planning to have any more children, despite husband Ben Affleck's desire for a bigger family.

But then that's the thing about plans: "I am not pregnant now. I plan to be done," Garner tells Ellen DeGeneres in an interview. "But my husband is kind of a wonder sperm kind of guy. You never

Quoted

"I am not pregnant now. I plan to be done. But my husband is kind of a wonder sperm kind of guy."

Jennifer Garner

don't know. You just have to look at him."

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OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES



Russell Brand

Branding relationships

At this point, Russell Brand has been talking about his marriage to and divorce from Katy Perry almost as long as they were actually wed. In a candid interview with Australia's 60 Minutes, the British comedian talks about why things didn't work out between him and Perry. "Sometimes it goes well, sometimes it doesn't, but

if you sort of sense there's an incompatibility, then in any relationship regardless of the status of the individual, it kind of is best to go separate ways," he says. "I think if you're a devoted tennis professional and you get married to a crystal meth addict, you might have trouble. I've been in a lot of trouble."

The Word

The latest in ridiculous celebrity baby names



THE WORD
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The new trend in Hollywood baby names? Naming your child after a geographical location. In the past month, Nick Lachey and wife Vanessa Minnillo named their baby Camden, as did Kristin Cavallari and fiancé Jay Cutler. Next up in the locale-as-a-name trend? Reese Witherspoon, who gave birth to a baby boy named Tennessee James on Thursday. "Reese Witherspoon and husband Jim Toth welcomed Tennessee James into their family today," her rep confirmed to People magazine. "Both mom and baby are healthy and the entire family is thrilled." For those of you who are keeping track at home (and hopefully none of you are), let me bear the brunt of this useless information for you. There's also Brooklyn Cruz (son of Victoria and David Beckham),



Bronx Mowgli Wentz (son of Ashlee Simpson and Pete Wentz), Egypt (son of Alicia Keys and Swizz Beatz), Paris Jackson (daughter of Michael Jackson and some very well-paid egg donor), and India Hemsworth (daughter of Chris Hemsworth and Elsa Pataky). As for me, I'm holding out for a little Tajikistan Spears some time in the near future.

What if it's all been a lie? So much time, effort and column space has been spent dissecting the marriage (Demi is a cougar!) and the eventual divorce (Ashton likes cheap, young Vegas tail!) between Ashton Kutcher and Demi Moore.

And you know what? We shouldn't have. Really. As it looks like there wasn't a valid marriage to begin with.

Is Gaga a slut?

Lady Gaga has a lot of friends around the world, but Staten Island Borough President James Molinaro is definitely not one of them. "There's Gaga. I would call her a slut. This slut is influencing many, many children," Molinaro said at an anti-drug event earlier this week, criticizing Gaga's recent actions at a concert in Amsterdam during which she smoked marijuana on

stage. "She's a slut in the pure word, in the pure meaning of the word," he explained. "A slut is someone that's immoral or uses improper conduct. So she's using improper conduct. So she's a slut. Anyone that would expose people that look up to them and who their idol is, to the use of narcotics, to me is a slut, male or female. It doesn't matter."



Lady Gaga

Tomlinson: What a dreamboat

One Direction boy-bander Louis Tomlinson wants the world to know he's a good boyfriend.

The 20-year-old Brit, who has been dating model Eleanor Calder for nearly a year, tells the

Fabulous UK that he's planning to remain faithful. "Sorry girls, I'll never sleep around," he says. "I'm a very loyal boyfriend. I'm a bit of a joker. I can be romantic, but not too sickly."

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Cook modern Indian fare just like Vikram Vij

Marinated Lamb Popsicles. The famed Vancouver chef shares the secret to his eatery's signature dish

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Since 1994, Vikram Vij and his wife Meeru Dhalwala have been serving up Indian food in their Vancouver restaurant Vij.

The creations have won them praise (the New York Times called the eatery "easily among the finest Indian restaurants in the world") and accolades, including the title of Best Restaurant in Canada by a *vacay.ca*, a North-America-wide study.

The famed chef has even expanded his empire to include cookbooks and frozen foods that are free of all preservatives, hormones and gluten (vijos.ca).

Extremely proud of his Indian roots, Vij has also become



This recipe serves six. VIJ'S RESTAURANT

Ingredients

Lamb

- 1/4 cup sweet white wine
- 3/4 cup grainy yellow mustard

- 1 tsp salt
- 1 tsp ground black pepper
- 4 lbs French-cut racks of lamb, in chops

Curry Sauce

- 4 cups whipping cream
- 1 tbsp salt
- 1 tsp paprika
- 1/2 tsp ground cayenne pepper
- 1 tbsp dried green fenugreek leaves
- 1/4 cup lemon juice
- 1/4 cup canola oil
- 3 tbsp finely chopped garlic
- 1 tsp turmeric

an advocate of education into Indian food and cooking.

He shares his recipe for Marinated Lamb Popsicles with Fenugreek Cream Curry.

"This is our signature dish at Vij's — probably our most famous and most popular," Vij says. "The size of the Lamb Popsicles will depend on the rack of lamb you buy. If the popsicles are bigger, four per order is usually enough. This recipe is for 30 medium-size popsicles, with five per order. Serve these popsicles over new potatoes."

1. Combine wine, mustard, salt and pepper in large bowl. Add lamb and coat well with marinade. Cover bowl with plastic wrap and refrigerate 2

to 4 hours.

2. In bowl, combine cream, salt, paprika, cayenne, fenugreek leaves and lemon juice.

3. Heat 3 to 4 tbsp of oil in medium pot on medium heat and sauté garlic until golden. Stir in turmeric and cook 1 minute. Stir in cream mix and cook on low to medium heat for about 5 minutes, or until it is gently boiling.

4. Preheat stove-top cast iron grill or barbecue to high heat. Place lamb on grill and cook 3 minutes per side.

5. Serve popsicles piping hot off grill. Place four to five lamb chops on each plate. Pour

Vij's Indian cooking tips

• **New flavours.** Buy a selection of Indian spices and try adding them to a dish you're cooking. Let your taste buds decide what you like, and don't be restricted by a recipe.

• **Buy local ingredients.** Doing this in Canada can give Indian meals a very unique twist. You're turning locally sourced products into curries.

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Readers are always asking me for a cheat sheet to help them make the perfect food and wine pairing.

While I really wish I had one, the best advice I can give is to look for synergy. By that I mean eats and drinks that originate in the same place always taste better together.

The closer the origins of both the liquid and solid are, the better the marriage will be because winemaking is the yin to the culinary industry's yang.

So what do you do when a country is famous for its unique cuisine but not for its wine output?

India is a classic example. Though it's been pressing grapes for decades, it doesn't export much and the eclectic nature of a plate of Indian-themed eatables is almost grounds for divorce when trying to create the perfect wine marriage.

The crisp effervescence of a dry sparkling wine is a good way to go. As is a white with a hint of sweetness.

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Have a few gaps in your schedule you're looking to fill?
Whether you're hoping to dance, drink or just relax, check out these hot upcoming events.



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Happening now: Canadian Surf Film Fest

The third annual Canadian Surf Film Festival is underway and goes through Sunday. This year's schedule is full, with regular length features and shorts about surfing, its communities and environments as well as the socio-political issues by which it is defined. As in years past, the event is bringing international film festival darlings and local indie shorts together for the viewing pleasure of surfers, non-surfers and film lovers alike. Visit csff.ca for full details.



This weekend: Hopscotch Halifax Celebrates

An amazing weekend-long festival returns to Halifax! Hopscotch, the urban-themed and vibrant festival is now in its third year. It will showcase how hip-hop is positively contributing to self-expression and youth development in the city. Not only will Hopscotch show off what local artists bring to the scene, it will also showcase international artists who represent a wide variety of art forms. Recognized by HRM's event strategy, Hopscotch provides a unique experience for local artists and our diverse community. Visit hopscotch.com for full details.



Bottoms up: Port of Wines Festival

Another event for the Nova Scotia Wine Festival is the Port of Wines Festival. It runs through Saturday and is not just an opportunity to taste and learn about local wines, but also a chance to experience the power of the grape from all over the world. This year's featured region, Chile, joins Australian vintages along with top picks from additional wine regions around North America. Grand tastings, happening Friday and Saturday, are a great chance to take it all in. Visit mynslc.com.



Happening now: Dal homecoming

This weekend kicks off Homecoming 2012 at Dalhousie University. Friday through Sunday you can enjoy everything Dalhousie with the celebration of the history, sport, community spirit and, of course, football. And what's the best way to warm up for the big game? Well — in the true spirit of a Maritimer — Lobster Tailgate feast. All in all, it's a great chance to get back in touch, and remember the good ol' days. Visit alumniandfriends.dal.ca.



On display: The Art of Robert Pope

Running until Dec. 9, the Art Gallery of Nova Scotia presents Metamorphosis: The Art of Robert Pope. This powerful and deeply moving exhibition celebrates the life and work of social realist painter. Pope was a Halifax-based artist who left an extraordinary series of artworks dealing with the experience of undergoing cancer treatments, the emotional and psychological effects of his illness and his desire to speak both specifically and universally about death and dying.



CIBC Run for the Cure

This Sunday marks the 21st annual Run For the Cure! CIBC, title sponsor for this event for the past 16 years, welcomes teams and individuals to walk, run or cheer for an amazing cause. Unfortunately, these days everyone has been touched by breast cancer. Run for your mother, aunt, sister, cousin or close friend. It's never too late to get involved or donate funds to a friend who is running. For start times and more information, visit runfortheure.com.

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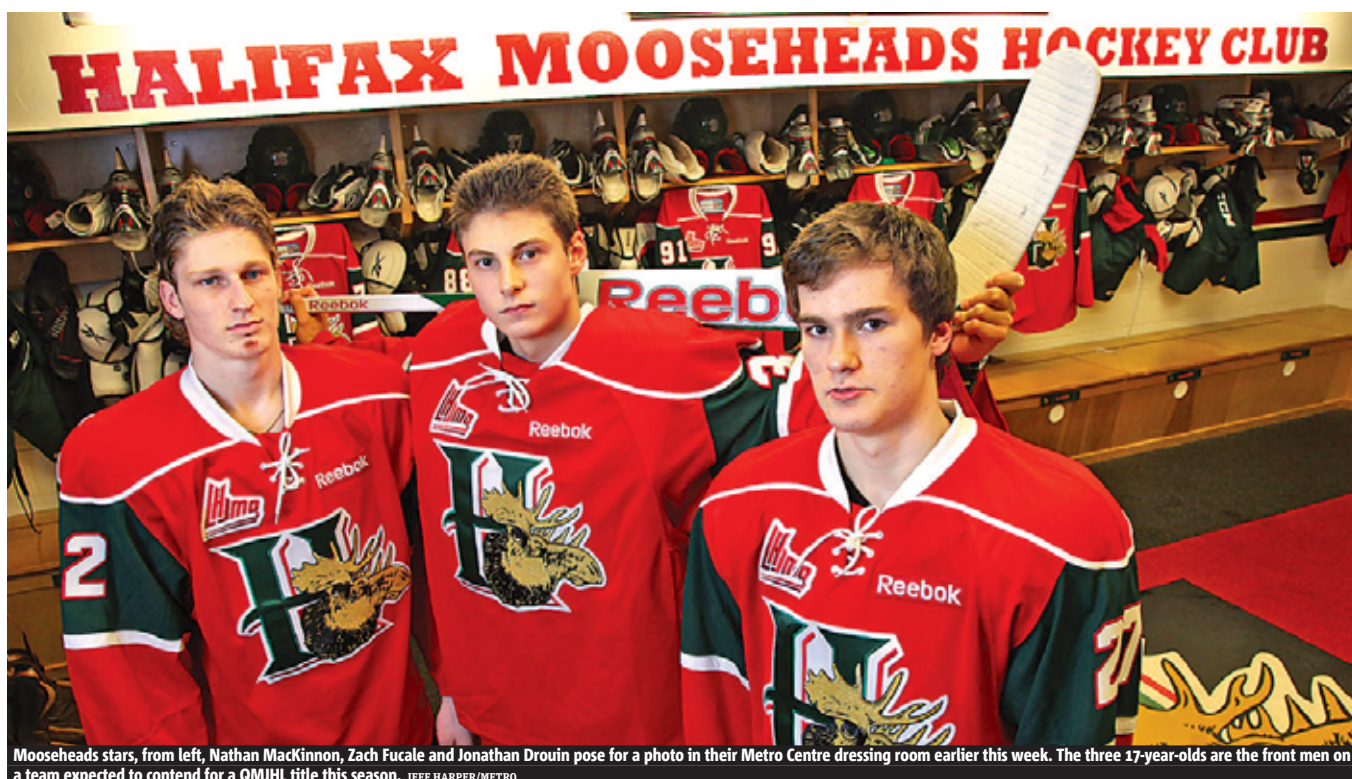
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Mooseheads stars, from left, Nathan MacKinnon, Zach Fucale and Jonathan Drouin pose for a photo in their Metro Centre dressing room earlier this week. The three 17-year-olds are the front men on a team expected to contend for a QMJHL title this season. JEFF HARPER/METRO

IS THIS THE YEAR?

The Mooseheads have one of the most talented teams in franchise history and many think they'll win it all. Can they avoid the downfalls of past Mooseheads contenders and live up to expectations?



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The Halifax Mooseheads have been expected to win before and have come excruciatingly close to doing it. But is this the year they finally get over the hump and win a QMJHL championship?

Everything is lined up for that to happen. Three of the most talented teenagers in the country — Nathan MacKinnon, Jonathan Drouin and Zach Fucale — lead the way on a deep roster laden with experience at all positions. Expectations are understandably high and have been for some time now.

"We want to win it all," Mooseheads general manager Cam Russell stated at the end of last season.

Russell, however, knows from experience that a championship isn't won on paper, no matter how much talent is in place. He was the head coach of the 2007-08 team that owner Bobby Smith said had the potential to be "the best Mooseheads team ever." It wasn't.

Led by Jakub Voracek and mid-season acquisition Brad Marchand and stacked with seven NHL draft picks — five of whom signed big-league contracts during the season — that team settled for a fourth-place finish and was barely .500 from December on.

By the numbers

- The Mooseheads, 2-0 and ranked fifth in the Canadian Hockey League, play the Gatineau Olympiques in their home opener on Friday at 7 p.m. at the Metro Centre.
- They also host the Cape Breton Screaming Eagles on Saturday at 7 p.m.
- Follow @metroqfiles on Twitter for live updates and visit metronews.ca for a full report after each game.

Ultimately, they bowed out in the QMJHL semifinals to the Claude Giroux-led Gatineau Olympiques.

This year's team could stand to learn lessons from the 2007-08 squad.

"We had guys who could have played a lot more and had bigger roles on other teams, and they knew that and weren't willing to accept the roles they were given on our team," said a key player on the 2007-08 roster who requested anonymity.

That player's advice to this year's team is simple: "You're going to have a lot more fun if everybody just buys in and does their job the right way."

It's not always easy in jun-

ior hockey to do your job the "right way." Sometimes it means accepting less ice time and settling for deflated statistics. That, in turn, can affect a player's draft rankings or hurt his chances of signing an NHL contract.

"It's a tough job keeping everybody happy on a talented team," said the player from 2007-08.

This year's Mooseheads have 16 players back from last April's run to the QMJHL semifinals. The group has shown more than enough promise to believe things will be different this time around.

"Nobody thinks they're better than the team and that's the key," MacKinnon said. "Everybody knows what kind of team we have and everybody knows we're not going to have 13 100-point getters. Players know their roles and what they need to bring to the team for us to be successful."

Of course, the Mooseheads had other problems in 2007-08. Fan criticism wore on them, while Marchand's acquisition not only fragmented the dressing room, according to players, it prevented management from upgrading the thin defence corps and goaltending.

"We really blew it at the trade deadline and everybody on the team knew it," said the player. "The team kind of fell apart from there."

Russell, who wasn't the GM



A Mooseheads defender hangs his head after the Gatineau Olympiques score a goal during the 2008 QMJHL semifinals. METRO FILE

back then, hasn't decided yet whether he'll make any moves this time around, but he has until January's trade deadline to identify his team's weaknesses and figure out how to address them.

In the meantime?

"Don't ever get comfortable with what we did yesterday," Russell said. "Keep trying to improve every day and that's got to continue right through until we're finished playing, when the season ends, when the Memorial Cup ends."

In 18 seasons the Mooseheads have been to two QMJHL finals, falling in Game 7 to the Hull Olympiques in 2003 and being swept by Sidney Crosby and the Rimouski Oceanic in 2005. The players on this year's team know what many expect and aren't taking it lightly.

"That's the fun part of being a pretty good hockey team," said Mooseheads winger Darcy Ashley. "We know we're supposed to be one of the better teams in the league. It's our job to live up to the hype."

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For line combinations, injury updates and the latest analysis on the Halifax Mooseheads throughout the season, visit Metro's Q Files blog at metronews.ca/qfiles.



MEET THE MOOSEHEADS

2012-13 ROSTER

Forwards

20 Liam Alcalde

Position: LW
Measure-
ments: 6-0/214
Junior age: 17
Hometown:
Montreal
NHL: 2013
eligible
2011-12 Statistics:
Ontario Hockey Academy
(OEMHL)
GP G A P PIMS
32 25 20 45 52



79 Brent Andrews

Position: C
Measure-
ments: 6-2/205
Junior age: 19
Hometown:
Hunter River,
P.E.I.
NHL: Nashville
2010
2011-12 Statistics:
Halifax (QMJHL)
GP G A P PIMS
61 13 17 30 34



17 Darcy Ashley

Position: RW
Measure-
ments: 5-8/175
Junior age: 19
Hometown:
Alberton, P.E.I.
NHL: 2013
eligible
2011-12 Statistics:
Halifax (QMJHL)
GP G A P PIMS
62 23 32 55 89



21 Dominic Beauchemin

Position: LW
Measure-
ments: 6-2/201
Junior age: 19
Hometown:
Varennes, Que.
NHL: 2013
eligible
2011-12 Statistics:
Longueuil (QJAAHL)
GP G A P PIMS
41 31 44 75 49



57 Matthew Boudreau

Position: C
Measure-
ments: 5-9/162
Junior age: 19
Hometown:
St-Eustache,
Que.
NHL: 2013
eligible
2011-12 Statistics:
Halifax (QMJHL)
GP G A P PIMS
67 26 30 56 22



48 Luca Ciampini

Position: LW
Measure-
ments: 6-0/196
Junior age: 18
Hometown:
LaSalle, Que.
NHL: 2013
eligible
2011-12 Statistics:
Halifax (QMJHL)
GP G A P PIMS
68 11 24 35 33



27 Jonathan Drouin

Position: LW
Measure-
ments: 5-11/176
Junior age: 17
Hometown:
Dollard des
Ormeaux, Que.
NHL: 2013 eligible
2011-12 Statistics:
Halifax (QMJHL)
GP G A P PIMS
33 7 22 29 12



19 Ryan Falkenham

Position: RW
Measure-
ments: 5-10/185
Junior age: 17
Hometown:
Halifax
NHL: 2013
eligible
2011-12 Statistics:
Halifax (QMJHL)
GP G A P PIMS
53 7 5 12 4



74 Stefan Fournier

Position: RW
Measure-
ments: 6-3/210
Junior age: 20
Hometown:
Dorval, Que.
NHL: Free
agent
2011-12 Statistics:
Victoriaville (QMJHL)
GP G A P PIMS
64 32 33 65 96



91 Martin Frk

Position: RW
Measure-
ments: 6-0/203
Junior age: 19
Hometown:
Pelhrimov,
Czech Republic
NHL: Detroit
2012
2011-12 Statistics:
Halifax (QMJHL)
GP G A P PIMS
34 16 13 29 41



28 Max Lindsay

Position: LW
Measure-
ments: 6-2/198
Junior age: 18
Hometown:
Hamilton, Ont.
NHL: 2013
eligible
2011-12 Statistics:
Stoney Creek (GOJHL)
GP G A P PIMS
37 10 12 22 58



22 Nathan MacKinnon

Position: C
Measure-
ments: 5-11/179
Junior age: 17
Hometown:
Cole Harbour
NHL: 2013
eligible
2011-12 Statistics:
Halifax (QMJHL)
GP G A P PIMS
58 31 47 78 45



9 Andrew Ryan

Position: LW
Measure-
ments: 6-3/203
Junior age: 18
Hometown:
Paradise, N.L.
NHL: 2013
eligible
2011-12 Statistics:
Halifax (QMJHL)
GP G A P PIMS
45 10 13 23 14



10 Konrad Abeltshauser

Position: D
Measure-
ments: 6-5/225
Junior age: 20
Hometown:
Bad Tolz,
Germany
NHL: San Jose
2010
2011-12 Statistics:
Halifax (QMJHL)
GP G A P PIMS
57 8 36 44 30



8 Brendan Duke

Position: D
Measure-
ments: 6-0/195
Junior age: 19
Hometown:
Cole Harbour
NHL: 2013
eligible
2011-12 Sta-
tistics:
Halifax (QMJHL)
GP G A P PIMS
38 0 7 7 34



24 Randy Gazzola

Position: D
Measure-
ments: 6-2/213
Junior age: 19
Hometown:
St. Catharine,
Ont.
NHL: 2013
eligible
2011-12 Statistics:
Trenton (OJHL)
GP G A P PIMS
41 8 33 41 50



44 Steve Gillard

Position: D
Measure-
ments: 5-10/190
Junior age: 20
Hometown:
St. John's, N.L.
NHL: Free
agent
2011-12 Statistics:
Halifax (QMJHL)
GP G A P PIMS
12 0 5 5 10



88 Austyn Hardie

Position: D
Measure-
ments: 6-0/205
Junior age: 18
Hometown:
Brossard, Que.
NHL: 2013
eligible
2011-12 Sta-
tistics:
Halifax (QMJHL)
GP G A P PIMS
58 0 4 4 75



7 Trey Lewis

Position: D
Measure-
ments: 6-0/201
Junior age: 19
Hometown:
Aldouane, N.B.
NHL: 2013
eligible
2011-12 Statistics:
Halifax (QMJHL)
GP G A P PIMS
66 5 15 20 77



5 Brian Lovell

Position: D
Measure-
ments: 6-1/201
Junior age: 17
Hometown:
Chateauguay,
Que.
NHL: 2013
eligible
2011-12 Statistics: Ontario
Hockey Academy (OEMHL)
GP G A P PIMS
28 8 21 29 48



52 MacKenzie Weegar

Position: D
Measure-
ments: 5-11/181
Junior age: 18
Hometown:
Ottawa
NHL: 2013
eligible
2011-12 Statistics:
Nepean (CCHL)
GP G A P PIMS
53 13 37 50 61



Goalenders

1 Chris Clarke

Position: G
Measure-
ments: 6-2/178
Junior age: 19
Hometown:
Cole Harbour
NHL: 2013
eligible
2011-12 Statistics:
Gatineau (QMJHL)
W/L/OT SO GAA SV%
1-3-0 0 4.95 .822



31 Zach Fucale

Position: G
Measure-
ments: 6-0/166
Junior age: 17
Hometown:
Rosemere, Que.
NHL: 2013
eligible
2011-12 Statistics:
Halifax (QMJHL)
W/L/OT SO GAA SV%
32-18-6 2 3.16 .892



73 Anthony Terezio

Position: G
Measure-
ments: 5-9/170
Junior age: 19
Hometown:
New Canaan, Ct.
NHL: 2013
eligible
2010-11 Statistics:
Halifax (QMJHL)
W/L/OT SO GAA SV%
2-0-1 0 4.13 .851



St-Pierre takes on bullying at alma mater

Standing in the basement weight room that now bears his name, Georges St-Pierre fought the temptation to try and match an old score: His own high-school chin-up record.

St-Pierre, wearing a suit, wanted to see if he could still pull off 50 chin ups, like he did as a 16-year-old at Pierre-Bédard school. His record still stands in the 16-and-over category.

"The thing is, because I'm dressed like this, I can't show you, otherwise I would," St-Pierre, 31, said Thursday after speaking to students.

St-Pierre returned to his former high school south of Montreal, where the workout room was officially designated Salle Georges St-Pierre.

The UFC welterweight champ also had another mission at Pierre-Bédard.

He spoke to a gymnasium packed with some 500 students on how he overcame doubts about himself, fears about his menacing opponents and the challenges of being bullied as a kid.

"People see how I am now, but I wasn't always like this," he told the audience, which exploded in

Quoted

"Even though we have obstacles when we're young ... it doesn't mean our life is sinking."

Georges St-Pierre telling students at his former high school that their problems will get easier once they graduate

cheers when he walked into the gym in the rural community of St-Remi.

"While I was growing up I wasn't very popular, I didn't have lots of friends, especially in elementary school."

He said older kids pushed him around and his grades suffered as a result.

St-Pierre, who started the Fondation Georges St-Pierre to combat bullying, spoke about the importance of teaching bullies how hurtful their actions can be.

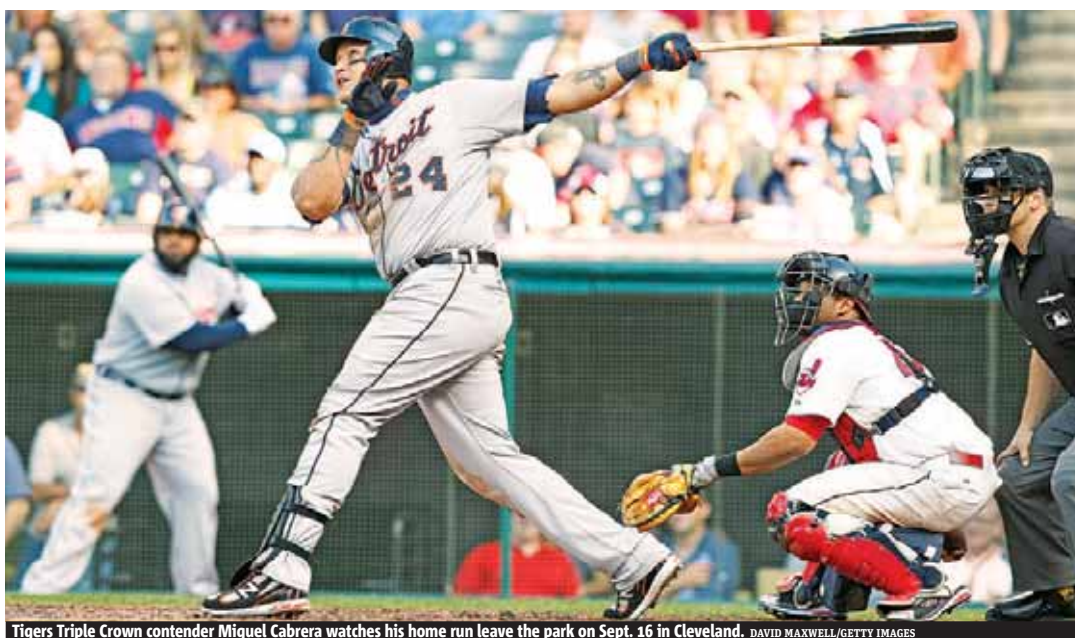
He also told victims that many of the problems they face now will get easier after they graduate from school.

"You'll keep the same old friends, who are your true friends, but the people ... who make fun of you will disappear because they won't be part of your life."

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Georges St-Pierre speaks to students at his former high school on Thursday in Saint Remi, Que. RYAN REMIOWZ/THE CANADIAN PRESS



Tigers Triple Crown contender Miguel Cabrera watches his home run leave the park on Sept. 16 in Cleveland. DAVID MAXWELL/GETTY IMAGES

Entering the home stretch to history

MLB. Tigers' Cabrera has real shot at Triple Crown as season nears end

Miguel Cabrera's drive sailed high into the Detroit night — so high, in fact, that left fielder Alex Gordon had time to drift over to the fence and wait a couple seconds before reaching over and robbing the slugger of a home run.

That snapshot was a good example of why nobody has won baseball's Triple Crown in 45 years. It takes a special blend of power, discipline, consistency — and yes, luck, if you believe in such a thing. But Cabrera is making perhaps the strongest bid since Carl Yastrzemski accom-

plished the feat in 1967.

With six games remaining, Detroit's 29-year-old third baseman tops the American League in batting average and RBIs and trails home run leader Josh Hamilton by only one.

"I heard a lot from the fans about the Triple Crown. I can't repeat most of it, but I'm sure you can guess," said Gordon, the Kansas City outfielder who did his part to slow Cabrera's pursuit by taking that homer away Wednesday night.

Cabrera won his first batting title last year, hitting .344 to complete a "career triple crown" after winning home run and RBI titles in previous seasons. Now he's trying to become the first player since Yastrzemski to sweep all three categories at the same time.

Yastrzemski figures it's

Triple Crown triumphs

Ted Williams and Roger Hornsby both won the Triple Crown twice.

- Frank Robinson did it the year before Carl Yastrzemski, making the preceding 45-year drought even more striking.

only a matter of time before somebody new joins the club. Since his Triple Crown season, other seemingly unapproachable marks have been surpassed.

"When Rose broke Cobb's hit record, I never thought that would happen," Yastrzemski said. "When Ripken broke

Gehrig's consecutive game record, I never thought that would happen either. So it's going to happen."

In 1967, Yastrzemski hit .326 with 44 homers and 121 RBIs.

After Thursday's 5-4 victory over Kansas City, Cabrera was hitting .326 with 42 homers and 133 RBIs.

"I want to keep my game the same way," Cabrera said recently. "I don't want to put extra pressure because we've got a lot of pressure right now in our division."

Jeff Bagwell was the only recent player to finish in the top two in each Triple Crown category; in the strike-shortened 1994 season, he was first in RBIs and second in both average and homers.

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Lefty serving up all the right shots at Ryder Cup

Golf. Mickelson fills leadership role for U.S.

Phil Mickelson wants to pad his record, get as many points as he can.

On the ping-pong table, that is.

When it comes to the Ryder Cup, Mickelson has become the Americans' "glue guy."

"He's a lot like Tiger. They both came on to the teams trying to win a whole bunch

of points. They thought that's what they were supposed to do," U.S. captain Davis Love III said Wednesday.

"Now they just want to win."

The evolution of Mickelson has helped the Americans become more, well, European. It's no secret the Americans haven't always played well with each other, unable to set aside the individual mindsets that make them so successful on the PGA Tour.

The U.S. has just one victory in the last five Ryder Cups, and two in the last eight.

Mickelson, the most experienced of the Americans having played every Ryder Cup since 1995, is 11-17-6. The 2002 Ryder Cup is the last time he won more than one match.

But even the Europeans say this U.S. team seems like a particularly close-knit bunch, and Mickelson — along with fellow veterans Woods and Jim Furyk — deserve some of the credit.

"I can't tell you how many times both Tiger and Phil have said, 'Whatever you want us to do, we'll do it,'" Love said. "Phil gets it, and he knows what to say at the right time."

For the last few years, Mickelson has made a point of singling out promising young players for money games during practice rounds. The "Phil matches" aren't just for his amusement — though few people can talk smack quite like Lefty — but to get the up-

and-comers ready for the big time.

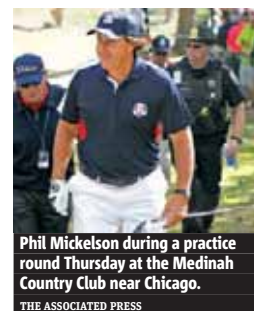
The mentoring goes beyond the course, too.

Ask anyone about the team room, and Mickelson's name invariably comes up.

He talked of his and Woods' dominance on the ping-pong table, boasting few of their teammates can touch them.

"Put us together on that table, and we're rocking it," Mickelson said.

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Phil Mickelson during a practice round Thursday at the Medinah Country Club near Chicago.

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Rare ovation for officials

Line judge Jeff Seaman tips his cap as he walks on the field before an NFL football game between the Baltimore Ravens and Cleveland Browns Thursday in Baltimore, Md. The regular NFL officials returned to cheers after a lockout ended late Wednesday. The Ravens won the game 23-16. NICK WASS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Tennis

Raonic moves on at Thailand Open

Milos Raonic advanced to the quarter-finals at the Thailand Open on Thursday with a 7-6 (3), 6-4 win over Ivo Karlovic.

The 21-year-old third

seed from Ontario will return to the court on Friday to face 2010 finalist Jarkko Nieminen. It will be Raonic's first-ever meeting with the Finn.

"It will be a tough match, he's played well here in the past," Raonic said. "I need to keep my focus." THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Paul Henderson still can't explain it, even 40 years later.

Sitting on the bench with time winding down in the eighth and final game of the '72 Summit Series, Henderson abruptly stood up and yelled at Pete Mahovlich to come off.

"I felt I had to get on the ice," Henderson recalled recently. "A tie was no good, they were going to claim victory because they had scored more goals than we did. I really wish I had an answer, but I don't. I just felt I had to get out there, I felt I could score a goal."

He was right, of course.

Henderson fired a rebound past the Soviet Union's Vladislav Tretiak to give Canada a series-clinching 6-5 victory at Moscow's Luzhniki Ice Palace.

Exactly 40 years to the day after that iconic goal, the 69-year-old Henderson and the remaining members of



Paul Henderson, centre, speaks alongside teammates from the '72 Summit Series during the team's induction into Canada's Walk of Fame in Toronto, earlier this month. The month-long celebration of Team Canada's famous victory over the Soviet Union concludes this weekend. NATHAN DENETTE/THE CANADIAN PRESS

the Canadian squad will cap a month of celebrations with a gala dinner Friday night.

Henderson, who has been battling cancer since 2010, was one of Canada's top goal scorers in the Summit Series. But his deciding goal remains one of the biggest and most memorable in Canadian hockey history, a fact he didn't really appreciate until watching Sidney Crosby's winning goal for Canada at the 2010 Winter Games in Vancouver.

"I think one of the things we don't do well as Canadians is celebrate a lot of times, but especially with hockey," Henderson said. "When Crosby scored, man, I was jumping up and down and so I understand what Canadians were doing when I scored."

But Henderson wouldn't have scored if not for Phil Esposito, the heart and soul of the '72 team who fired the first shot at Tretiak.

"I was at the faceoff dot

to the right of Tretiak," Esposito said. "(Soviet defence-men Yuri) Liapkin and (Valeri) Vasiliev screwed up and the puck squirted and I was skating backwards to go back and I just shot it at the net."

"Like nine out of 10 times I hit the net, I very seldom missed the net when I had an opportunity to hit it ... and Tretiak, for some unexplained reason, pushed the rebound straight out and Paul, who had fallen behind the net, got

up and came out because they must have lost him, just came out and put the rebound in."

Goaltender Ken Dryden, another Montreal Canadien, skated the length of the ice to celebrate Henderson's goal with his teammates before the reality of the situation set in.

"I have no recollection except I do remember the celebration of it," Dryden said. "I remember clunking down the ice and being in that pile of

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Paul Henderson's heroics weren't limited to Game 8 of the 1972 Summit Series.

- **Statistics.** Henderson registered 10 points for Canada with seven goals and three assists in the eight-game series.
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celebration and then thinking, 'I've got to get hold of myself, there's still 34 seconds to go, get a grip.'"

Hollywood couldn't have written it better, Henderson said.

"I'm 69 and I can't think of anybody who has lived a better life than I have, even with cancer," he said. "I wouldn't change places with anybody. Canadians celebrate this, I get it every day, and I think it was a meaningful time for Canadians who were alive and can remember at that point."

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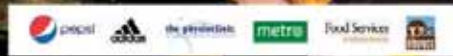
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MLB. Jays open last home stand with win

Brett Lawrie hit a two-run home run and right-hander Brandon Morrow pitched seven shutout innings on Thursday as the Toronto Blue Jays defeated the New York Yankees 6-0.

Edwin Encarnacion went 3-for-4 with three runs batted in, two on a fifth-inning double, as the Blue Jays (69-87) opened a seven-game home stand to close their season. Encarnacion leads the Blue Jays with 110 RBIs.

J.P. Arencibia hit his 18th homer of the season in the eighth against reliever David Aardsma.

The loss cut the Yankees (90-66) lead to one game over the inactive Baltimore Orioles in the American League East.

Morrow (9-7) held the Yankees to four hits and three walks while striking out three to gain his first victory since Aug. 31. He had two losses in his previous four starts.

Right-hander Ivan Nova (12-8), the Yankees starter, allowed six hits, including Lawrie's third-inning homer, two walks and four runs in 4 2/3 innings.

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Escobar booed

Blue Jays shortstop Yunel Escobar received a few boos from the crowd in his first at-bat in the first but there was little crowd reaction to him after that.

- It was his first appearance in Toronto since the club suspended him for three games last week for writing a homophobic slur on his eye-black for a game at Rogers Centre Sept. 15.

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♈ Aries

March 21 - April 20

Try to see who you deal with as individuals in their own right rather than as pieces on a chessboard to be moved at your whim. Paying attention to other people's needs today will bring benefits to you as well.

♉ Taurus

April 21 - May 21

Take stock of your daily routine and decide where you can make savings in time and effort. Also make sure your physical health is not compromised in any way. If you feel you need a break then take one.

♊ Gemini

May 22 - June 21

Saturn, the taskmaster of the zodiac, moves out of your fellow Air sign of Libra in a week or so but already it feels as if your personal load is less heavy. Try not being quite so serious about life.

♋ Cancer

June 22 - July 23

You need to focus more on domestic matters today, and that means less time for social activities. There will be plenty of time for fun and games later but for now you must put loved ones first.

♌ Leo

July 24 - Aug. 23

Interesting new people will come into your life today and over the weekend, the kind of people who inspire you and know how to make you laugh. All in all, the world seems a better, happier, sunnier place.

♍ Virgo

Aug. 24 - Sept. 23

Both at home and at work you are encouraged to pay more attention to the value you place on both possessions and relationships. Some things are worth fighting for. Some things are for life. Do you know what they are?

♏ Libra

Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

As Saturn nears the end of its two-year journey through your sign, you should look back and learn from events that may not always have been to your liking. Admit it: they've made you a better person.

♏ Scorpio

Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

You need to face up to problems that you have somehow managed to avoid these past few months. You can hide your feelings from others but you cannot hide them from yourself, so do what has to be done — now!

♐ Sagittarius

Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

The planets are asking you to push your pride to one side and admit, if only to yourself, that you don't know all the answers. This can be a time of positive change in your life, but you must be humble.

♑ Capricorn

Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

Saturn, your ruler, is making its last push through the career area of your chart, so opportunities on the work front can be expected. The fact is you are capable of so much more — so start doing it.

♒ Aquarius

Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

If knowledge is power then you will gain in strength over the next few days and by the time Saturn changes signs on Oct. 5, you will be on your way to fame and glory. Will it really be that good? Yes!

♓ Pisces

Feb. 20 - March 20

Money matters take centre stage today and you will need to be sensible. Most of all, you need to realize that certain goals will only be reached if you are ready and willing to work with other people.

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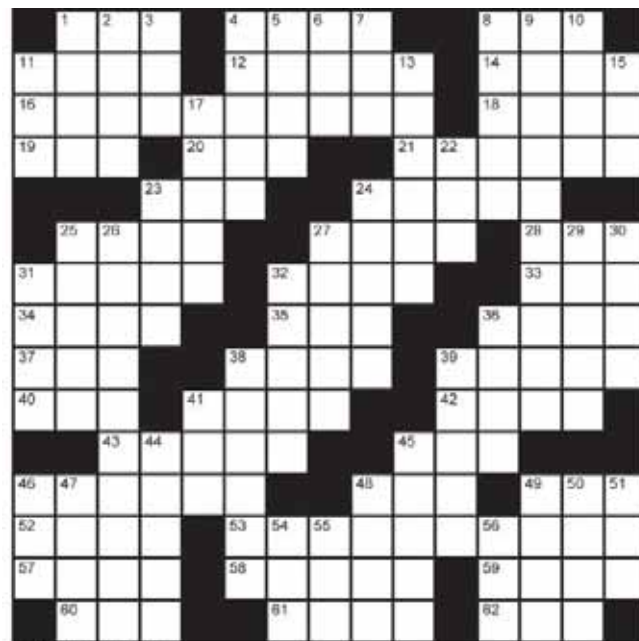
Across

1. "To what do I ___ the pleasure?"
4. Detective's job
8. Top card
11. Operatic solo
12. Sound the ___
14. Additive no longer used in Canadian gasoline
16. Snowfall measure
18. Other
19. Foot digit
20. Xmas mo.
21. Harper's group
23. House wing
24. The Hunter constellation
25. Ontario-born *Scream* star Campbell
27. Evangelist's target
28. 7th letter of the Greek alphabet (looks like an H)
31. Geometric functions
32. CEO or CFO
33. It's next to Ins on the keypad
34. Brand of running shoes
35. Long-beaked fish
36. Detergent target
37. Frozen cubes
38. Scottish caps
39. Agreeable odour
40. Ocean
41. Holders of advanced degrees
42. Ardent admirers
43. Carpenter's clamps
45. Cal's mother
46. Two bucks
48. Mu ___ pork: Chinese dish
49. Before: pref.
52. Burden
53. Very popular stadium

- rock group that originated in Hanna, Alberta
57. Free from contaminants
58. Actress Day who costarred in romantic comedies with Rock Hudson
59. #1 position
60. Western winter time
61. *Sister Act* extras
62. "Nope" opposite

Down

1. Sandwich cookie
2. Bacchus's beverage
3. Consume
4. Animal with a hump
5. Sir ___ Guinness of film
6. Occupied a chair
7. Make a mistake
8. Oldsmobile model discontinued in 2004
9. Grammy and Juno award winning French-Canadian singer (2 wds.)
10. Let up on
11. "Just ___ naturally"
13. System that includes 16-Across
15. ___ Moines, Iowa
17. Keeps the engine in neutral
22. Petroleum
23. Nights before
24. Surpluses
25. Brother's daughter
26. Efforts
27. Tests
29. Academic divisions
30. Sask. neighbour
31. Slalom equipment
32. Antiquated exclamation



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36. Attract, as a crowd
38. Words before closing credits (2 wds.)
39. Run ___ of the law: get into trouble
41. Trident-shaped Greek letter
44. Boxed-off map section
45. Game with pawns and knights
46. Go one better than
47. "You're expected; go ___": the boss is waiting for you on the next floor (2 wds.)
48. Onion covering
49. Footstep
50. Canada's national police
51. ___ out a living: barely manage
54. Charged particle
55. Grand ___: wine label words
56. Thunder ___, Ontario

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1	8	3	5	4	2	9	8	7
5	2	4	9	8	7	1	6	3
9	7	8	3	1	6	2	5	4
7	5	2	1	6	3	8	4	9
3	8	9	4	7	5	6	2	1
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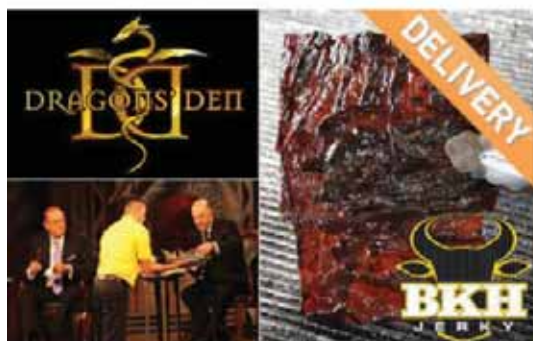
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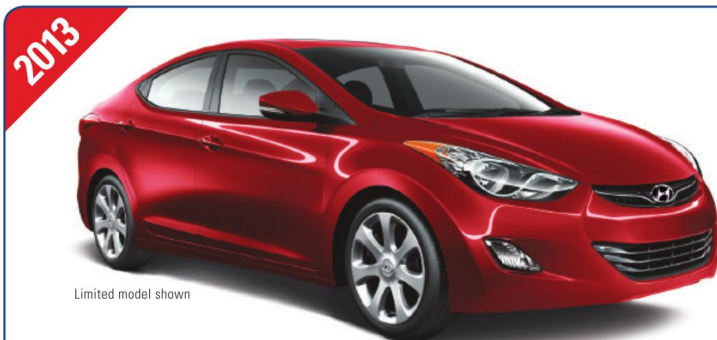
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